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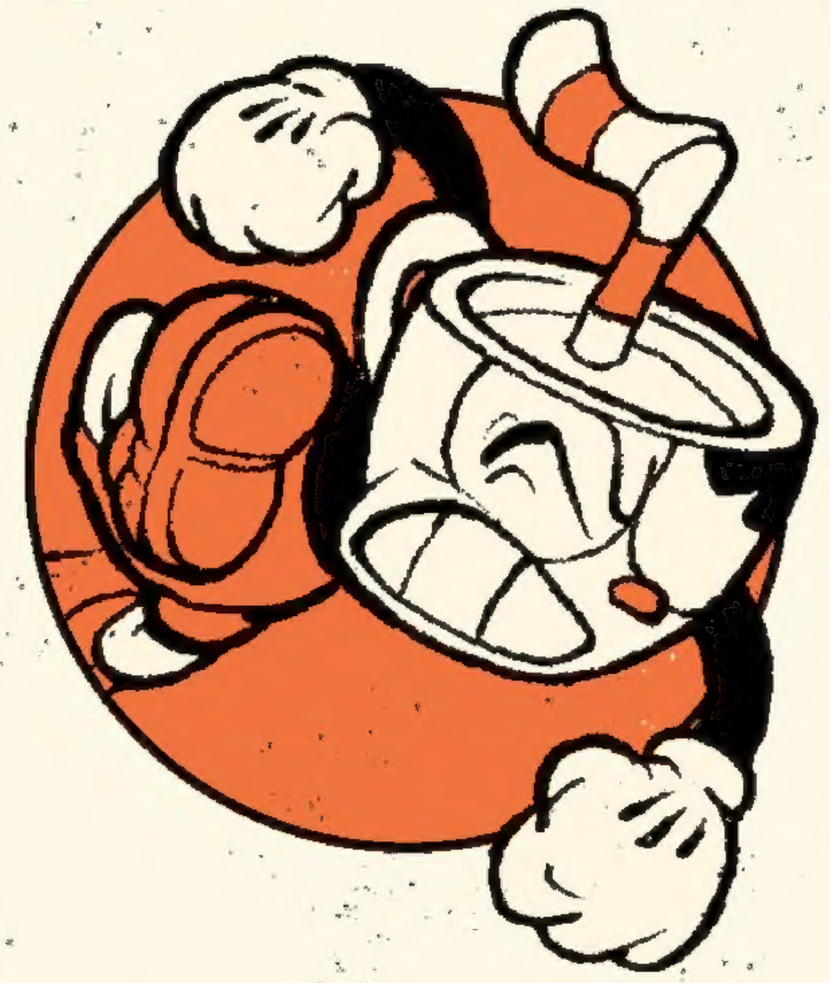

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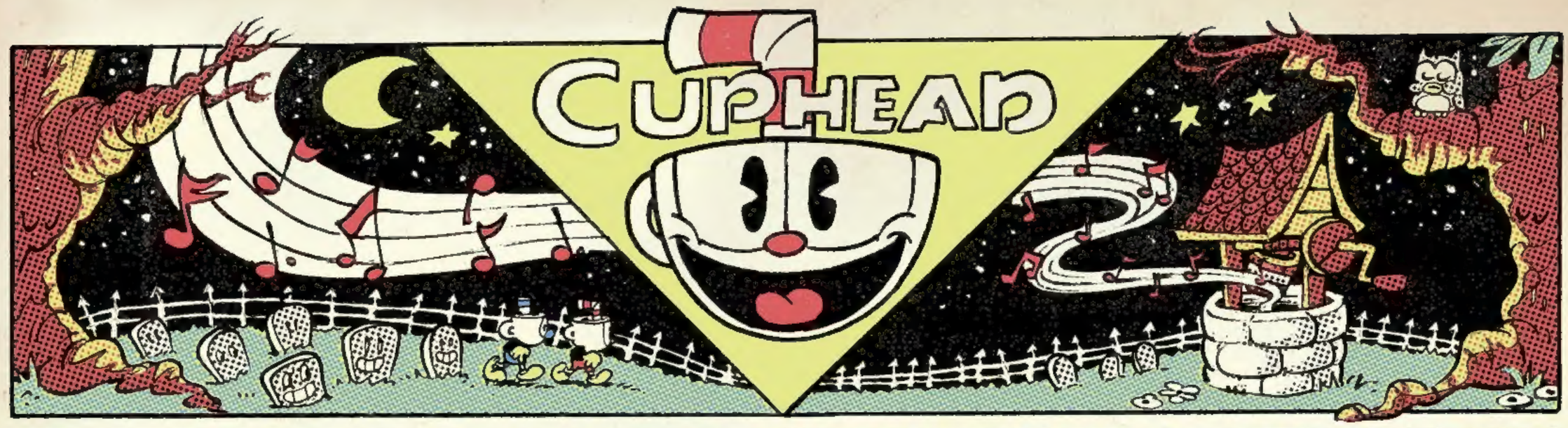
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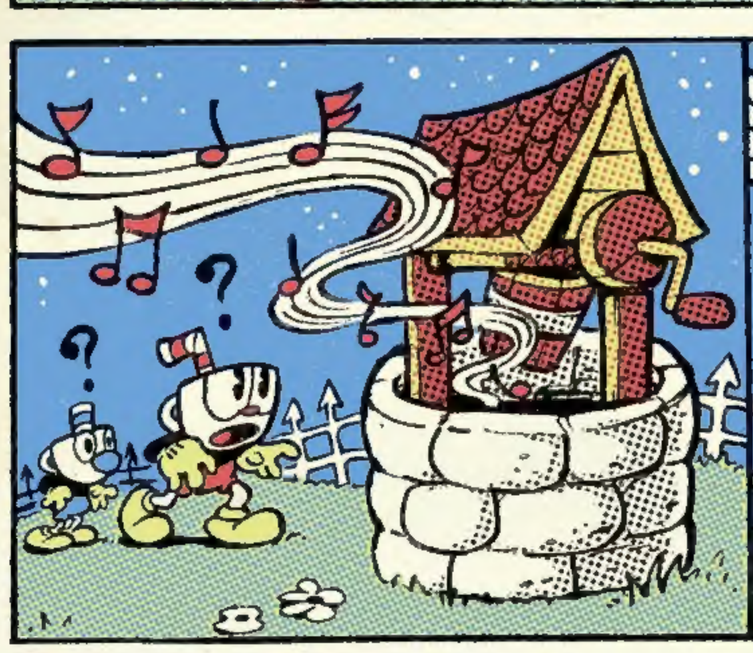

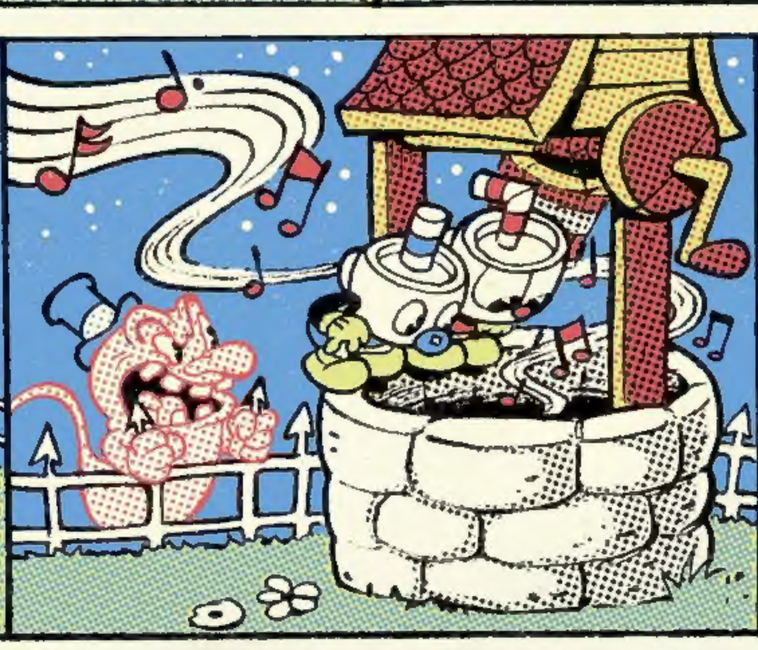

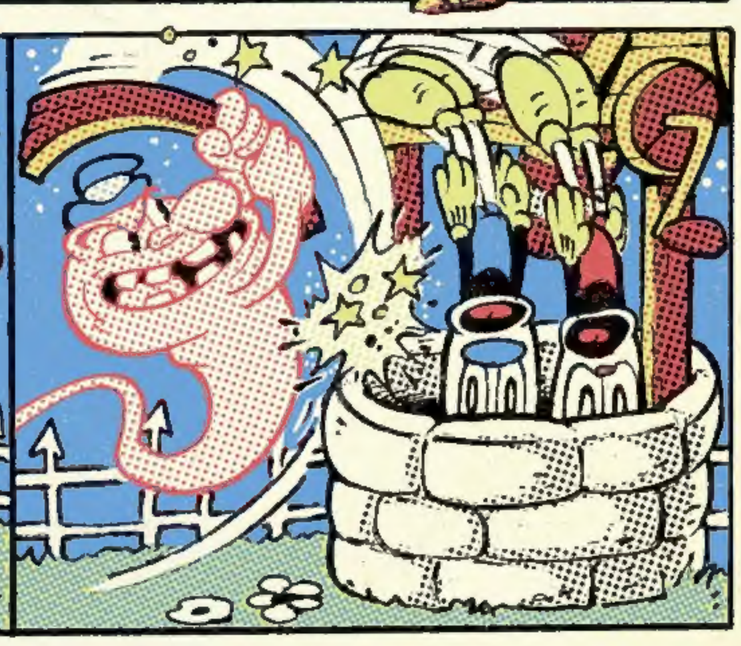

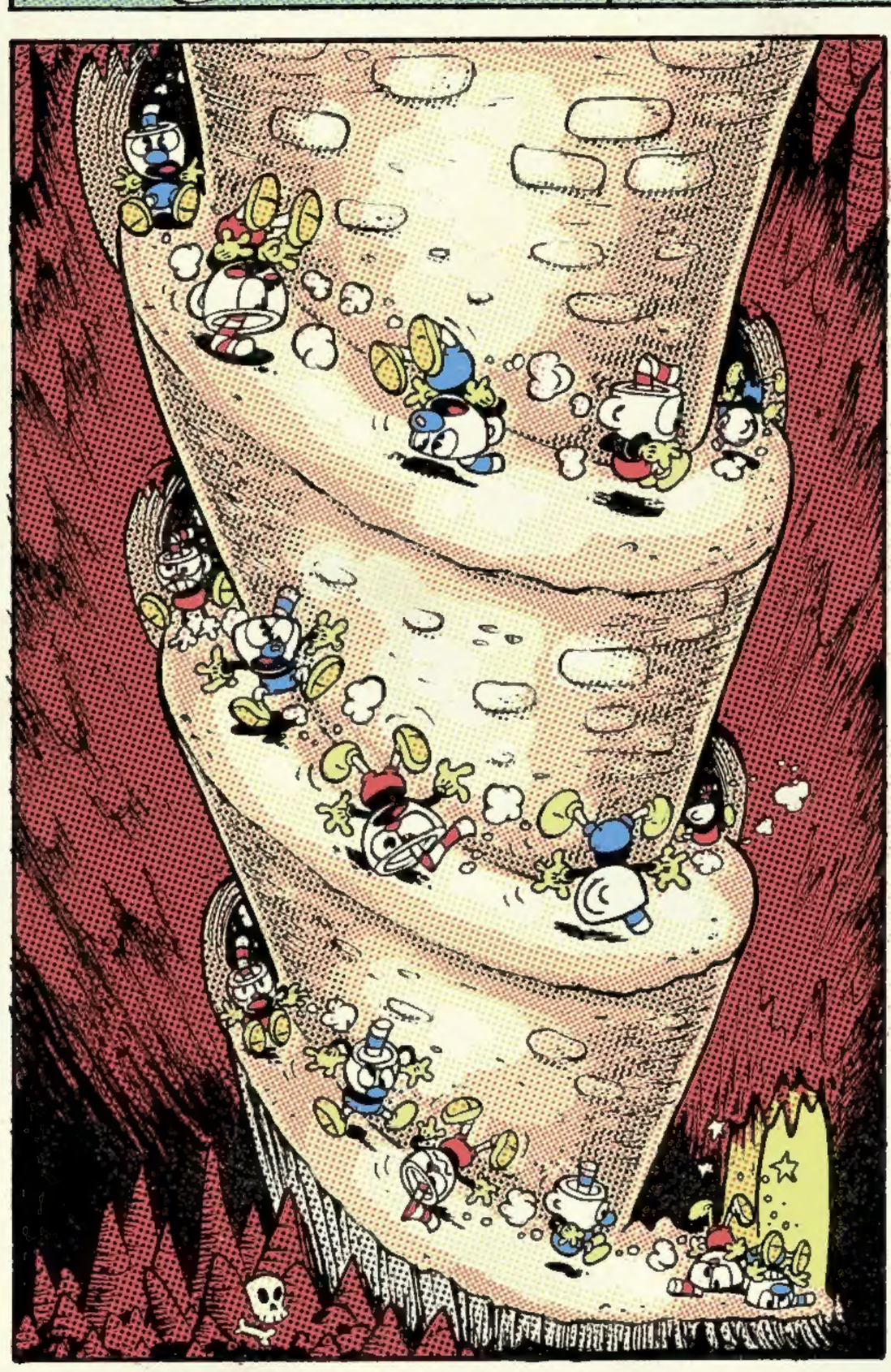

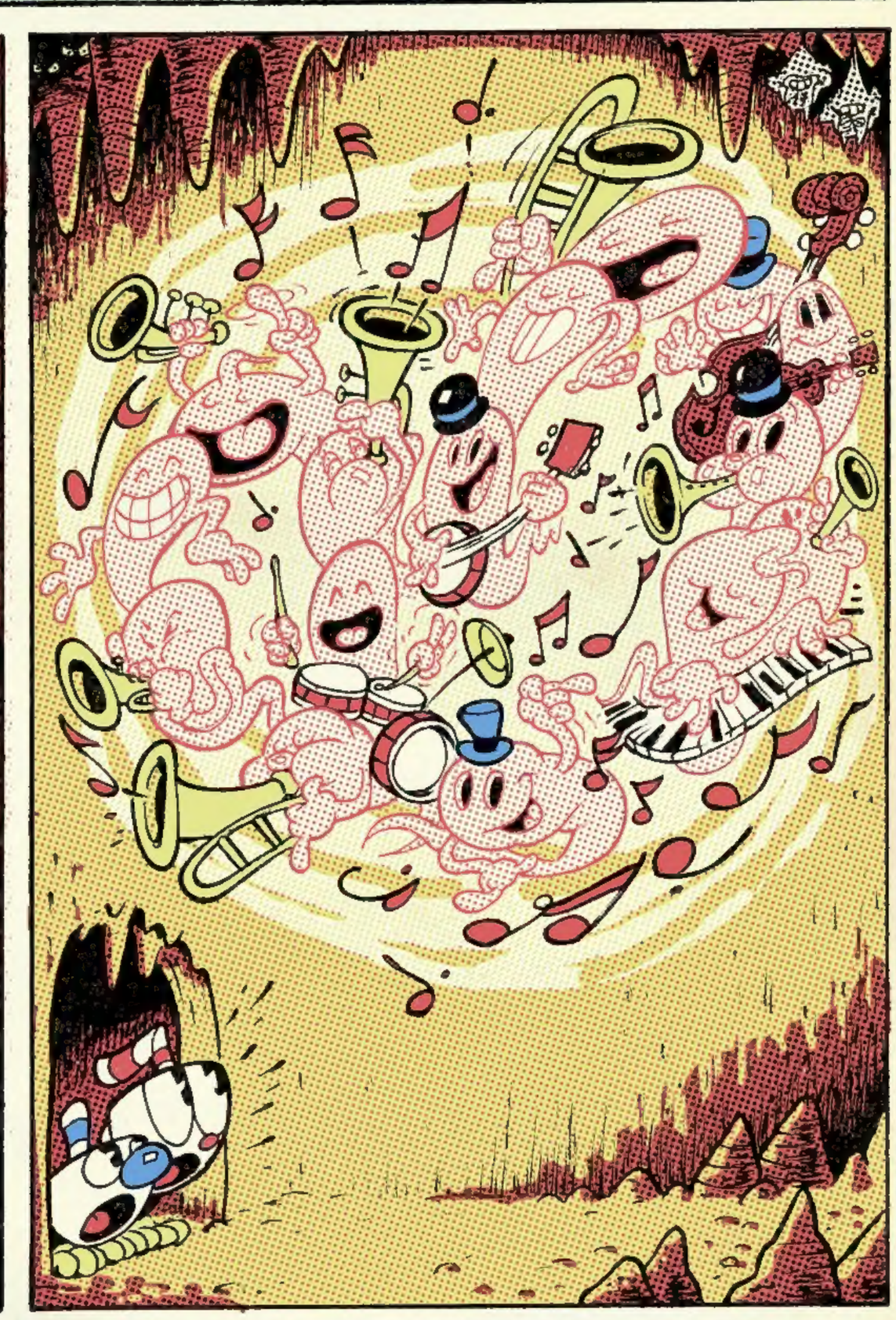

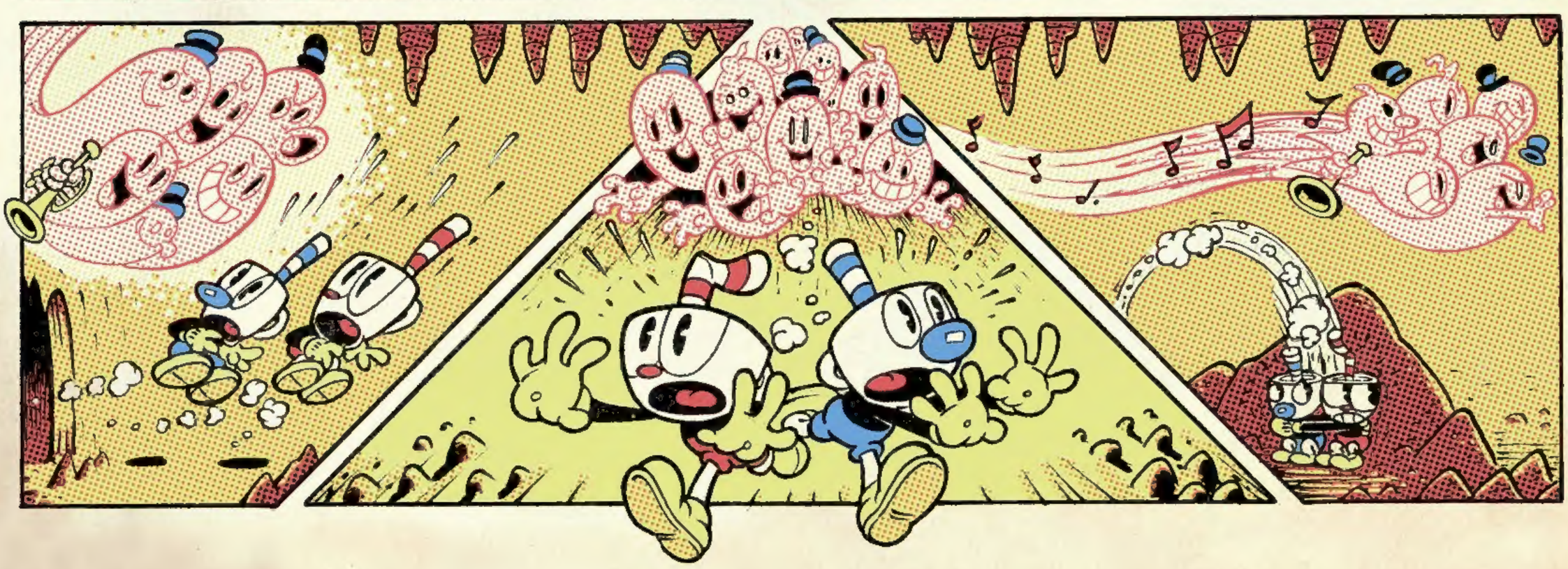

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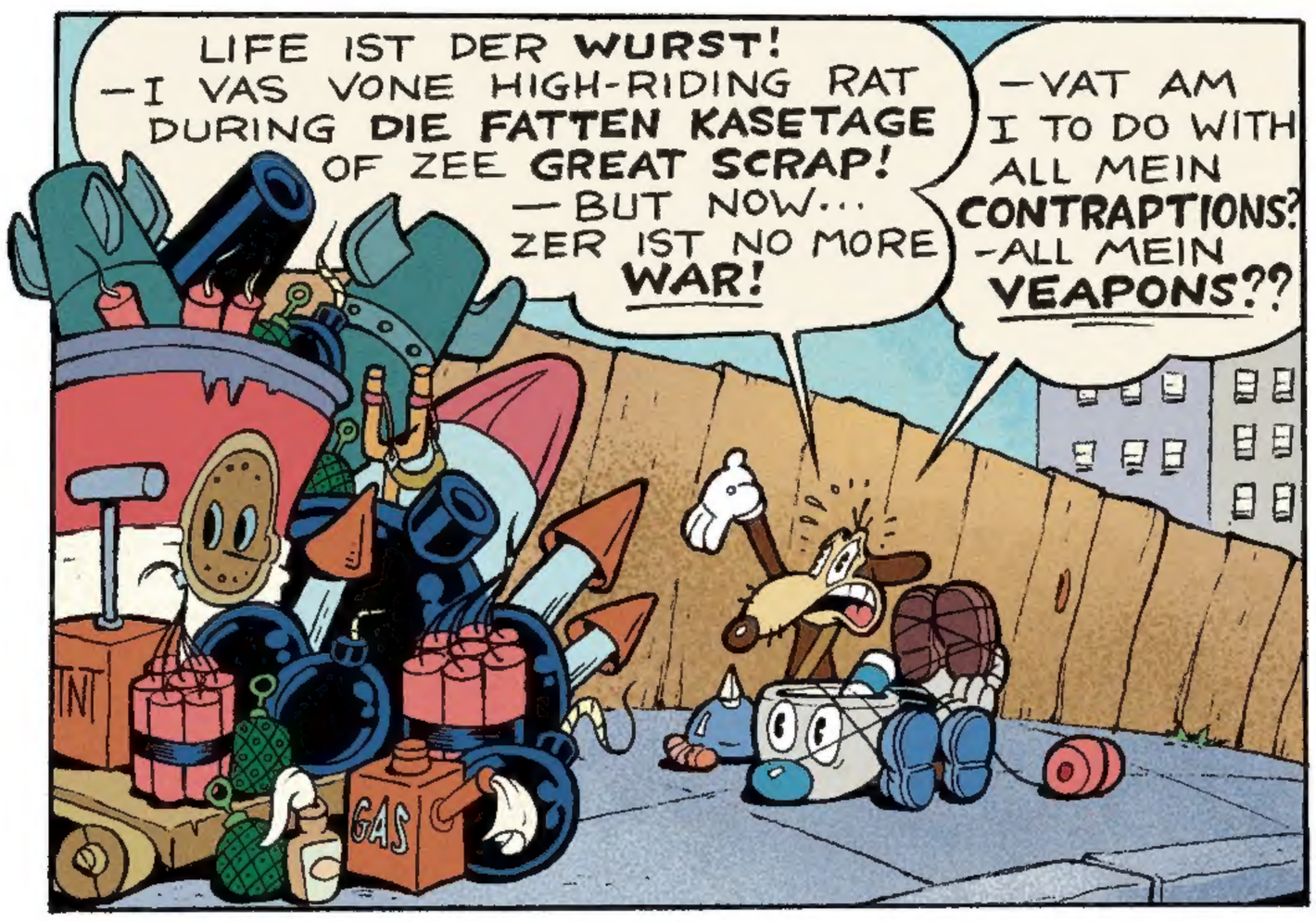
MUGMAN IN "BUILDING BLAST-OFF!"

SNIFFLE! SNIFFLE!

BOINK!

BOINK!



..A DARN GOOD IDEA, ...THE **DAM!** THEY'RE LOOKIN' FOR FOLKS TO HELP **BUILD** IT!

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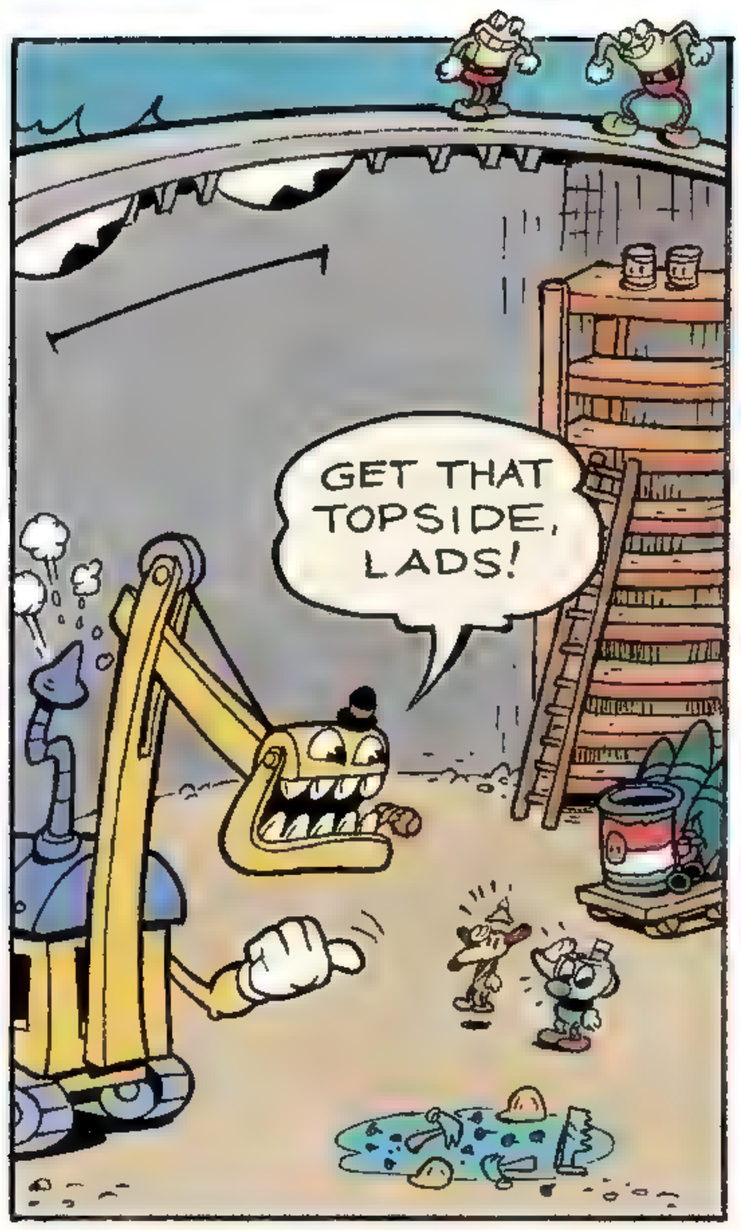
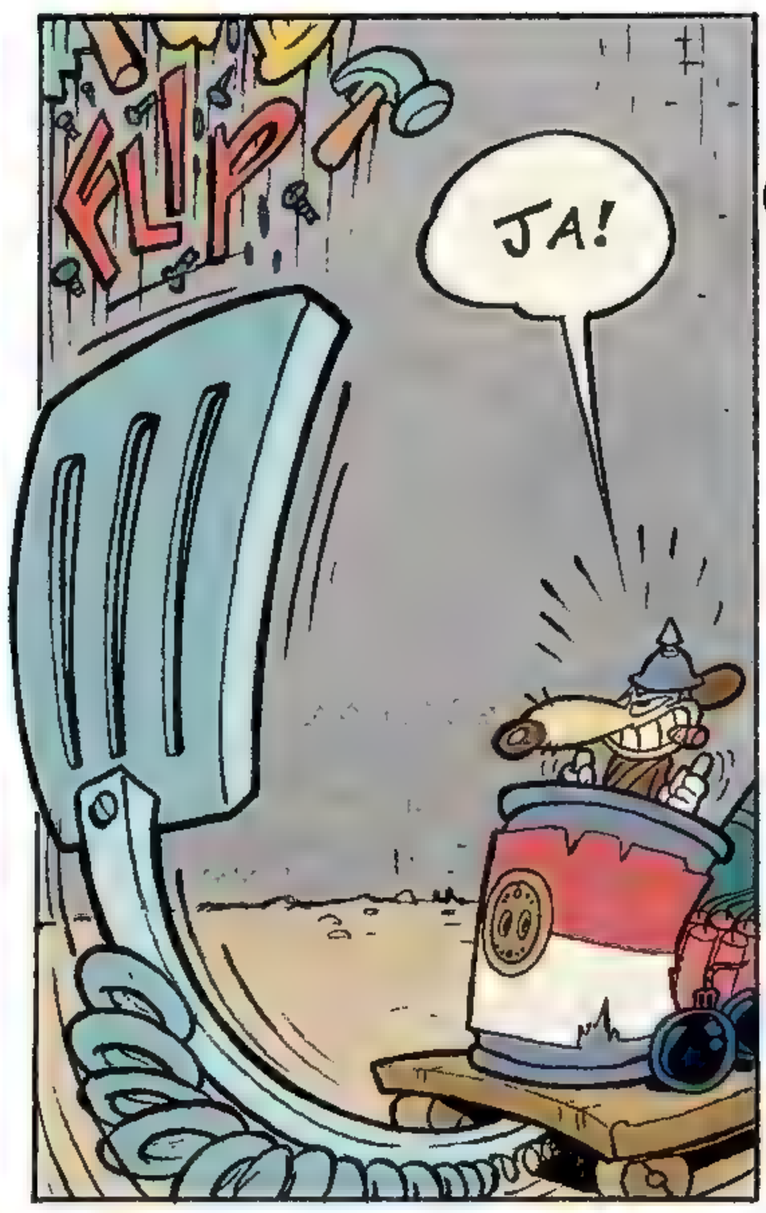
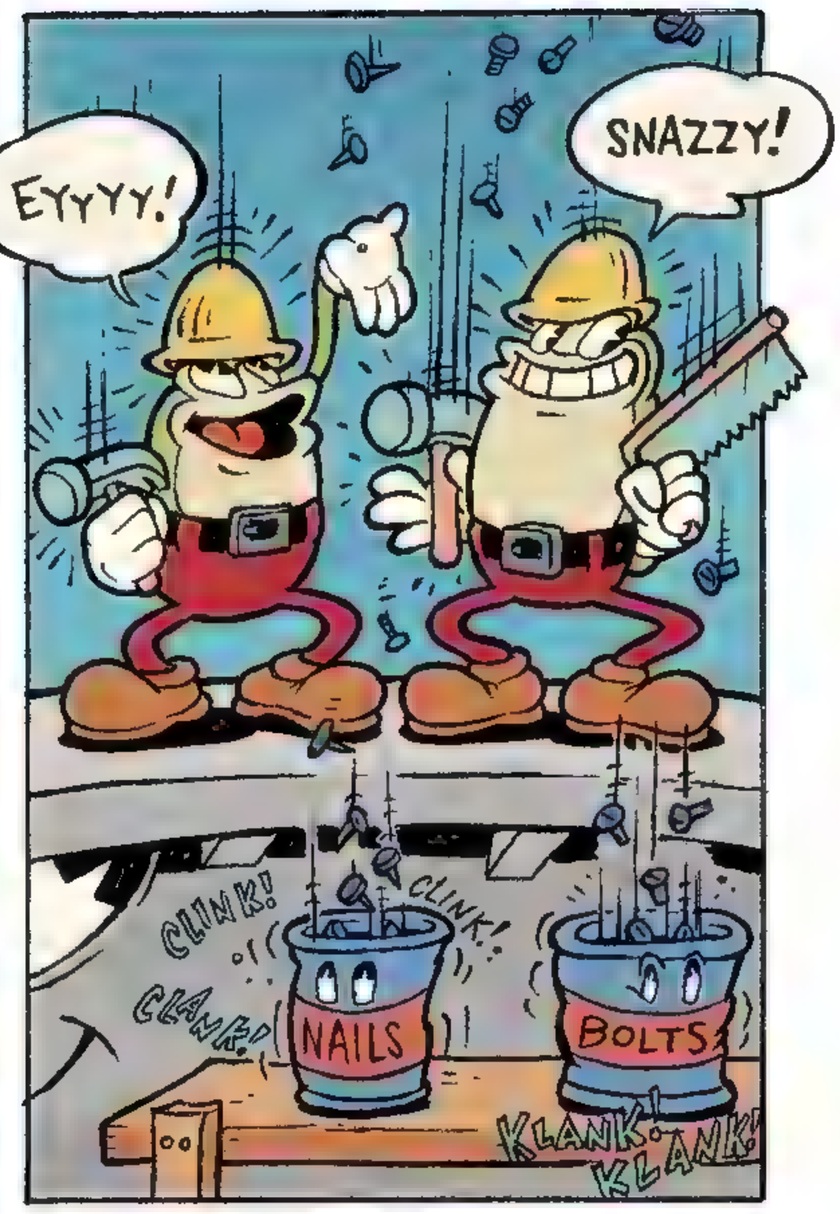
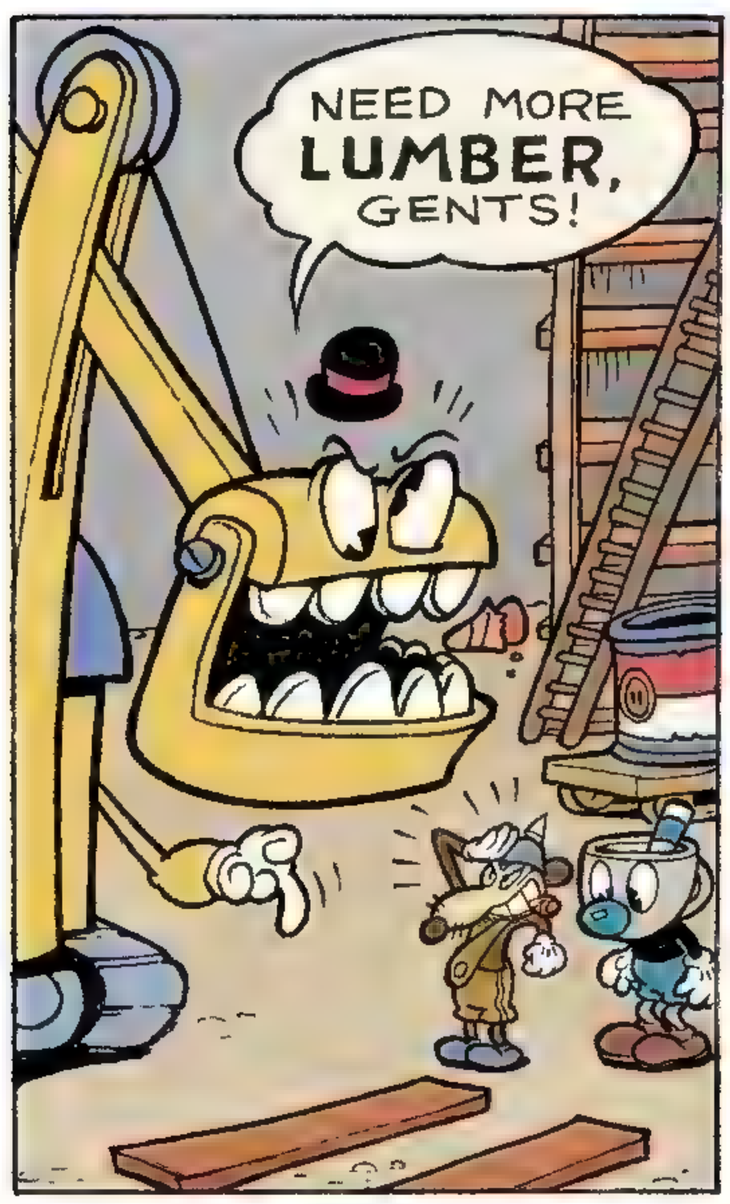
--MAYBE WITH A FEW MODIFICATIONS YOU CAN TURN YOUR WEAPONS OF DESTRUCTION INTO WEAPONS OF **CONSTRUCTION!**

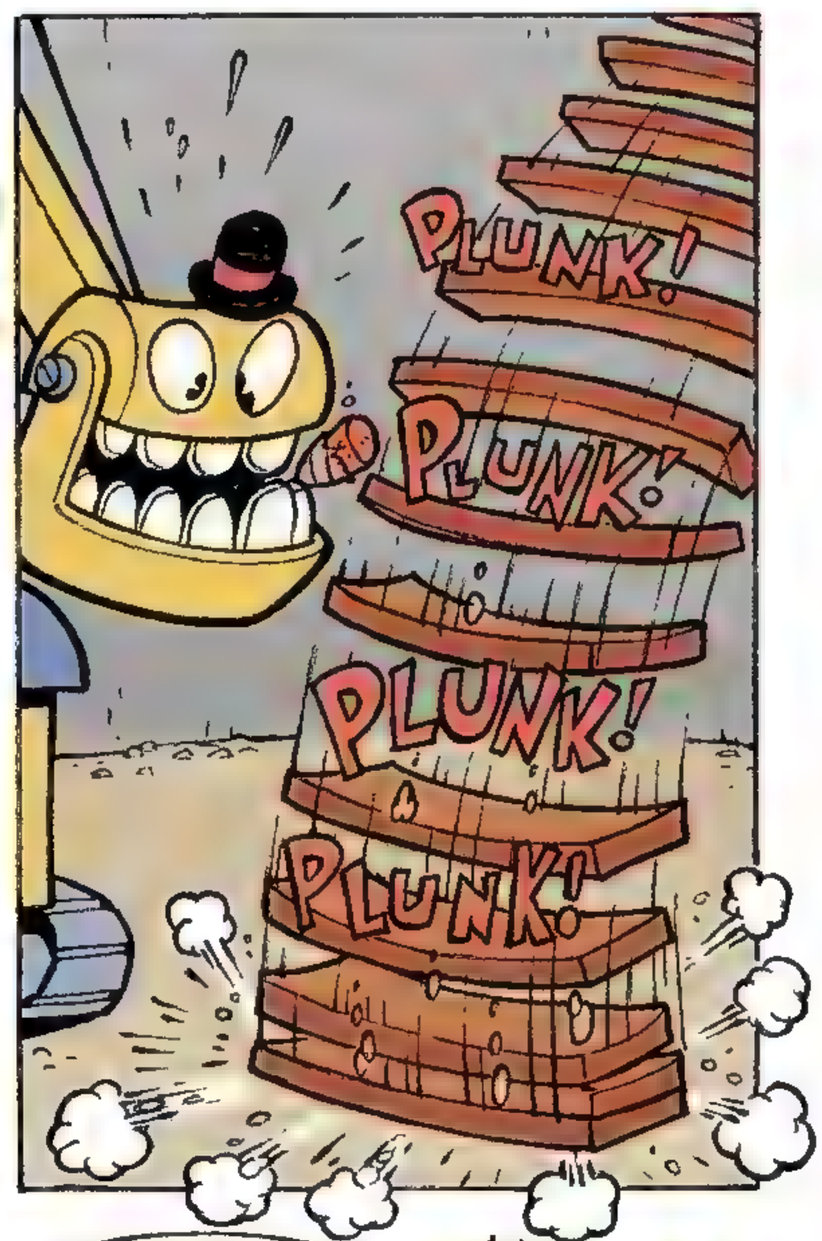

GET THAT TOPSIDE, LADS!

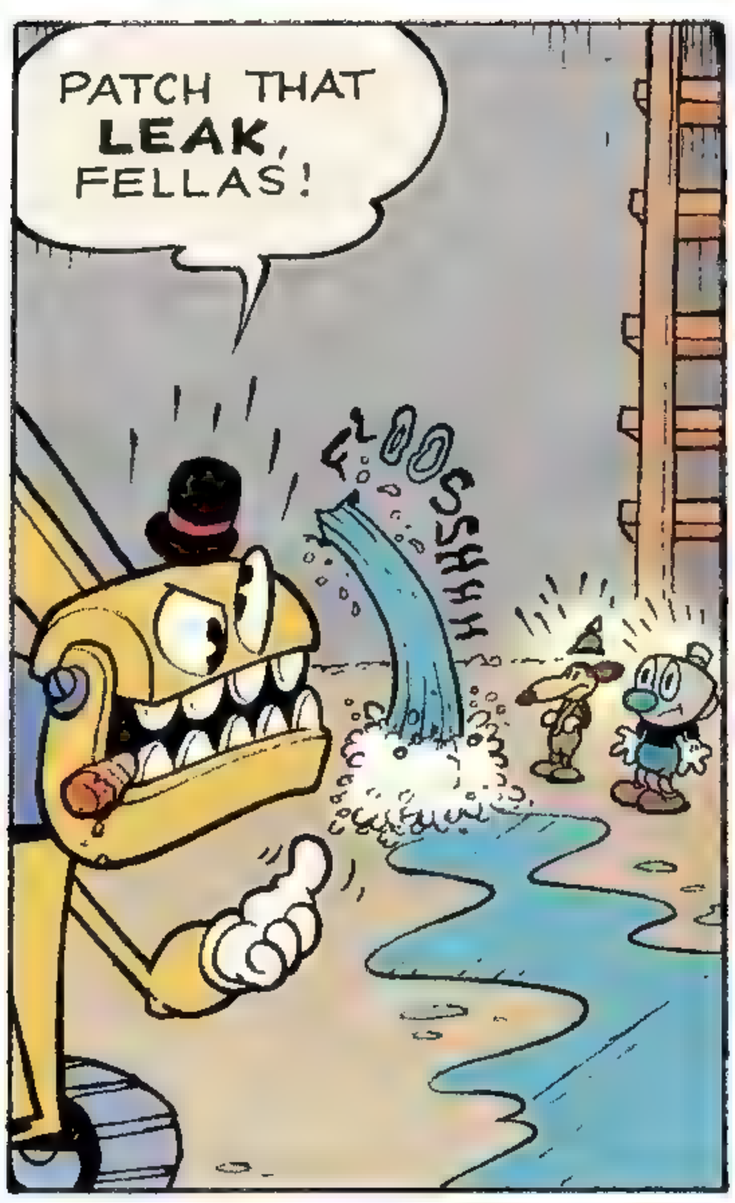

FLIP!
JA!


EYYYY!
SNAZZY!
CLINK!
CLINK!
CLANK!
NAILS
BOLTS
KLANK! KLANK!

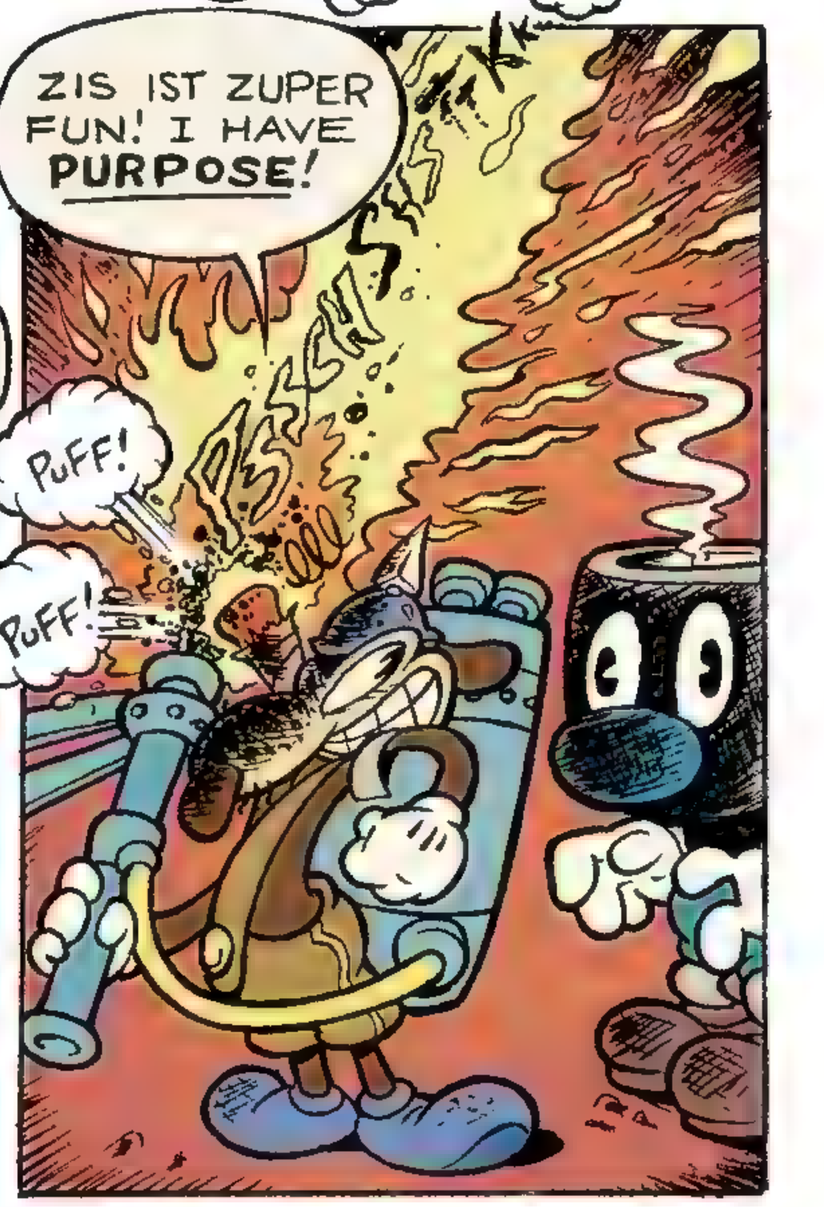

NEED MORE LUMBER, GENTS!

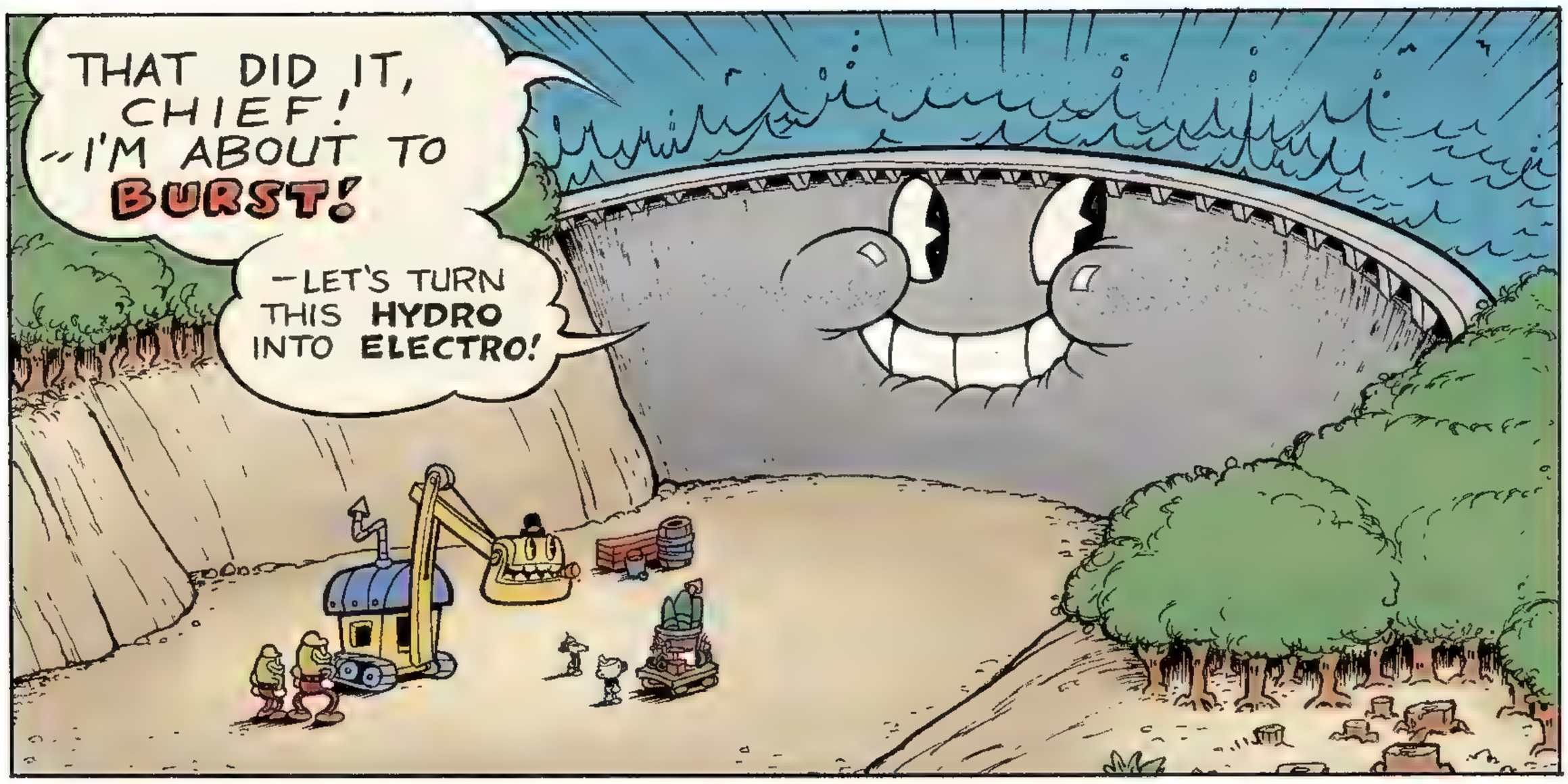
OJJM!
BZZZZZZZZZZZZZ
BOOM!
JA!

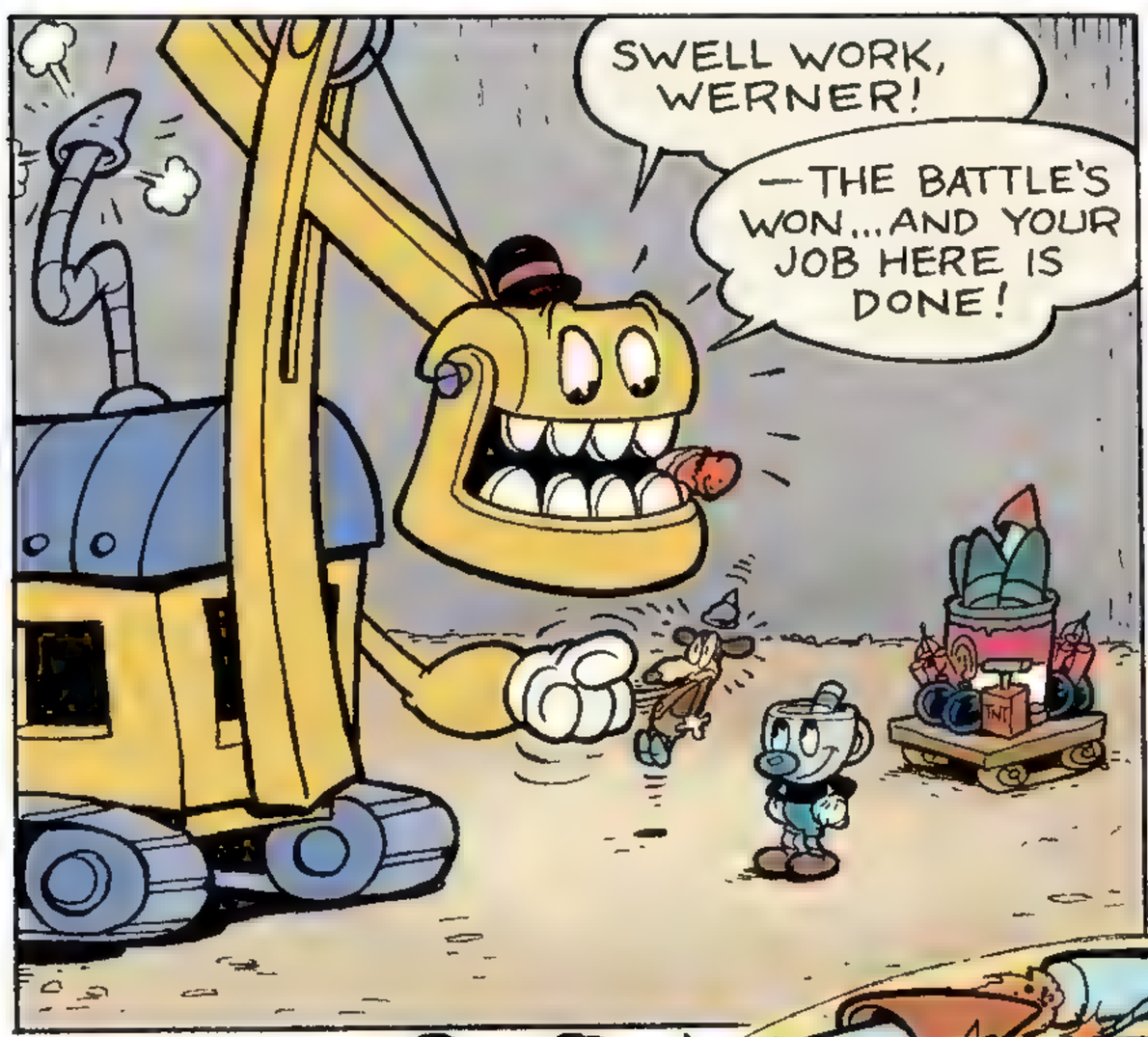

PLUNK!
PLUNK!
PLUNK!
PLUNK!

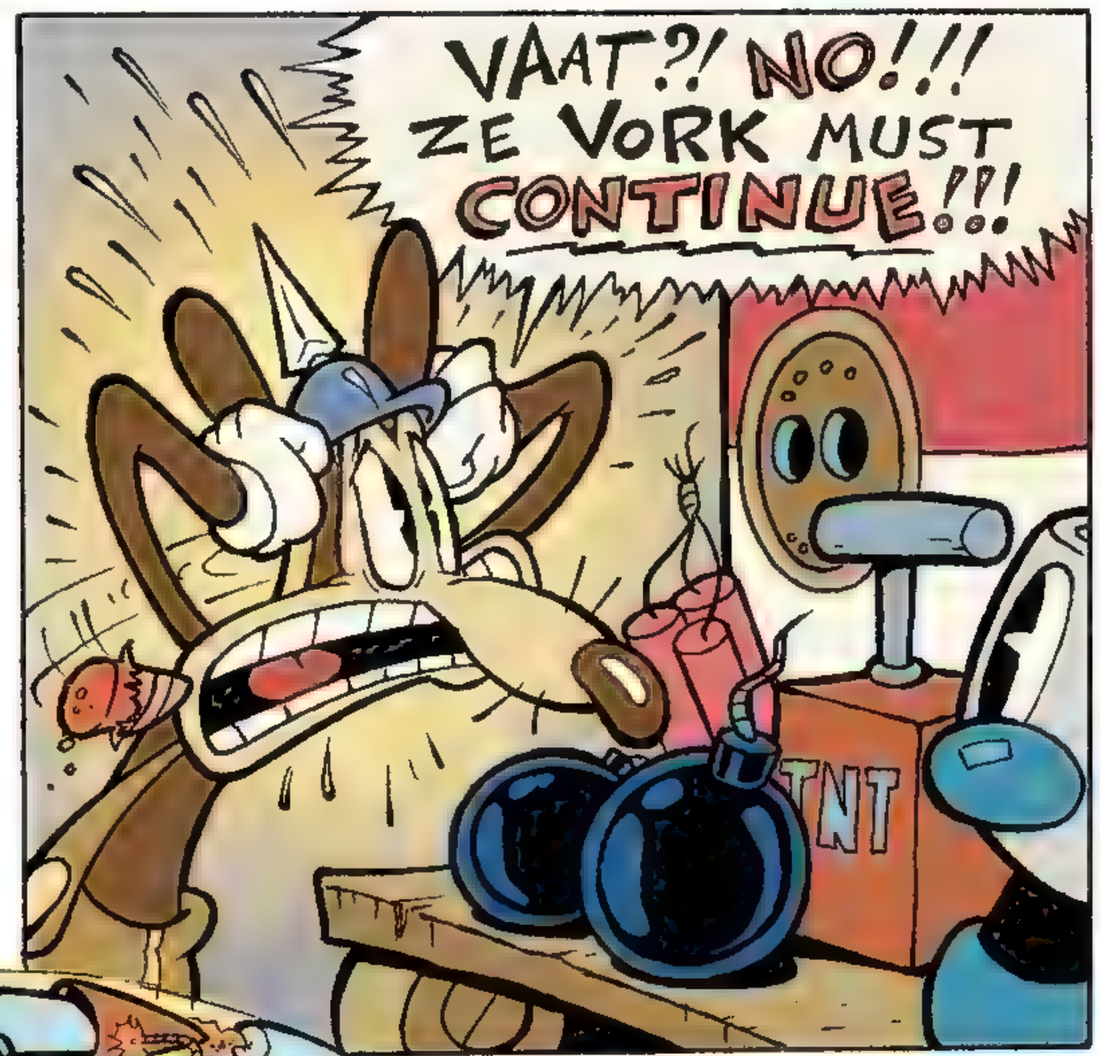

PATCH THAT LEAK, FELLAS!
SSSHHH

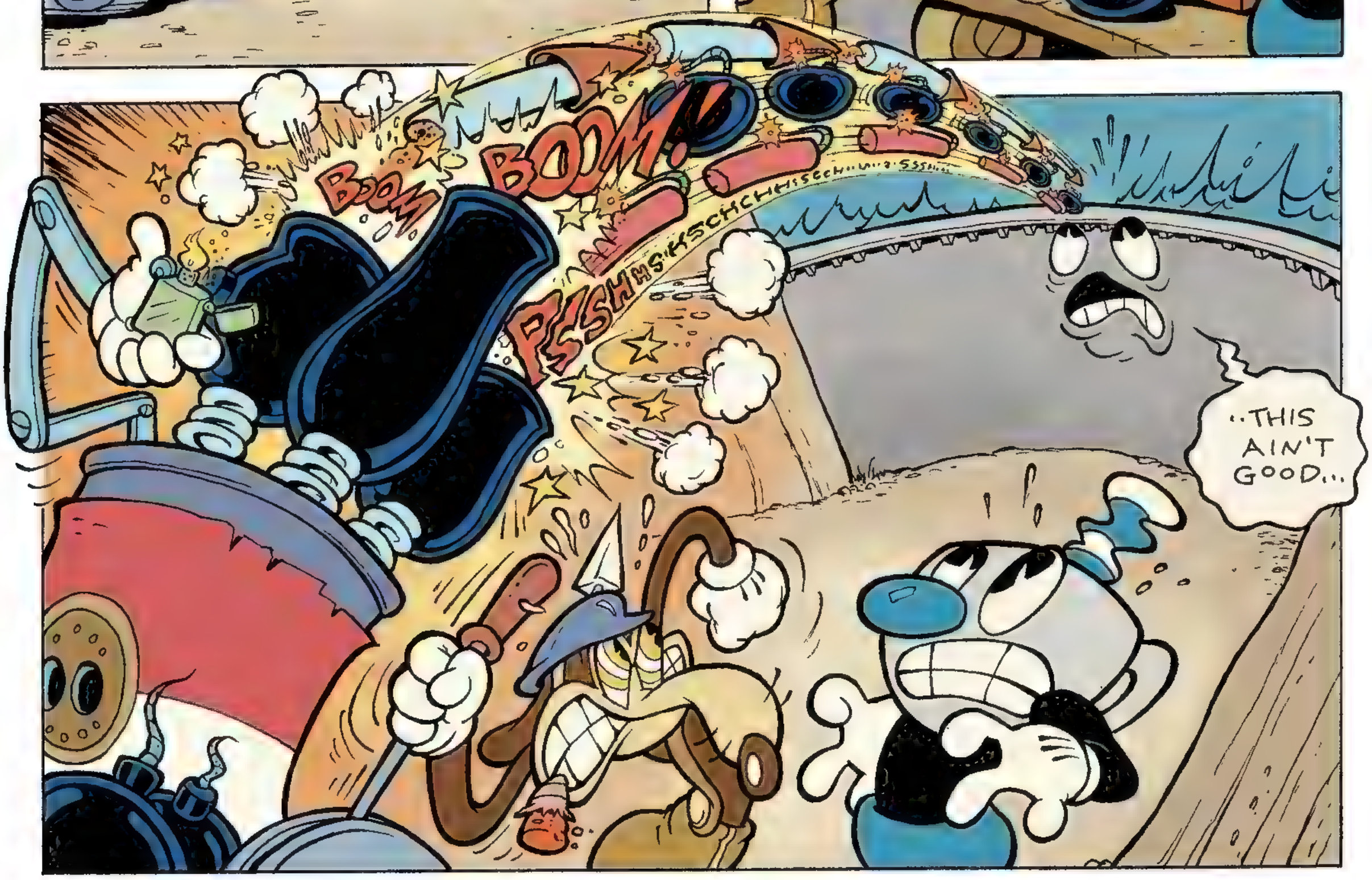
KCHCHCHCH!
JAAAA!
WELD!
WELD!

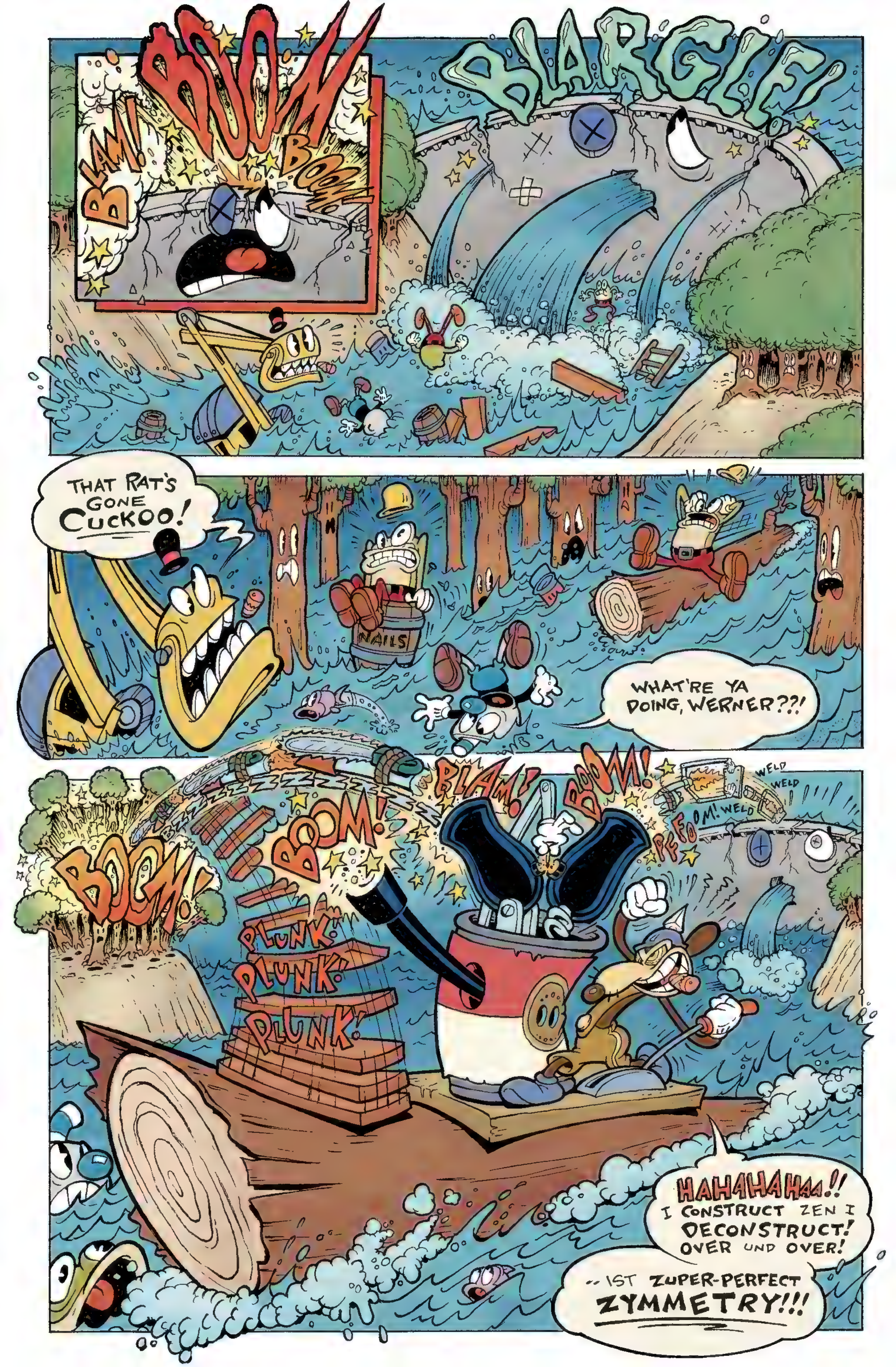

ZIS IST ZUPER FUN! I HAVE PURPOSE!
PUFF!
PUFF!


THAT DID IT, CHIEF! --I'M ABOUT TO BURST!
—LET'S TURN THIS HYDRO INTO ELECTRO!


SWELL WORK, WERNER!
—THE BATTLE'S WON...AND YOUR JOB HERE IS DONE!


VAAT?! NO!!! ZE VORK MUST CONTINUE!!!
TNT


BOOM
BOOM!
PSSHMS'KSCHCHHISSCH...
..THIS AIN'T GOOD...


BLAM! BOOM! BOOM!
BLARGLE!
THAT RAT'S GONE CUCKOO!
NAILS
WHAT'RE YA DOING, WERNER???!
BOOM!
BOOM!
BLAM! BOOM!
PLUNK!
PLUNK!
PLUNK!
WELD
WELD
PFOOM! WELD
HAHAHAHAA!! I CONSTRUCT ZEN I DECONSTRUCT! OVER UND OVER!
..IST ZUPER-PERFECT ZYMMETRY!!!

CUPHEAD & MUGMAN IN "MOUNTAIN MADNESS!"

THIS IS MY LUCKY FISHING SPOT! LAST TIME I CAUGHT TWENTY-FIVE!

HOLY MACKEREL!

TROUT, ACTUALLY!

LET'S SEE IF MY LUCKY STREAK CONTINUES!

SPLOINK

SPLOINK

SPLOOSH!

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, BIG GUY?! YOU'RE SCARING AWAY ALL THE FISH! THIS IS MY **LUCKY LAKE!!!**

YOURS?! I HAVE SOAKED MY **BOULDER STOMPERS** IN THIS PUDDLE FOR A THOUSAND YEARS!

MY FISH!

MY FEET!

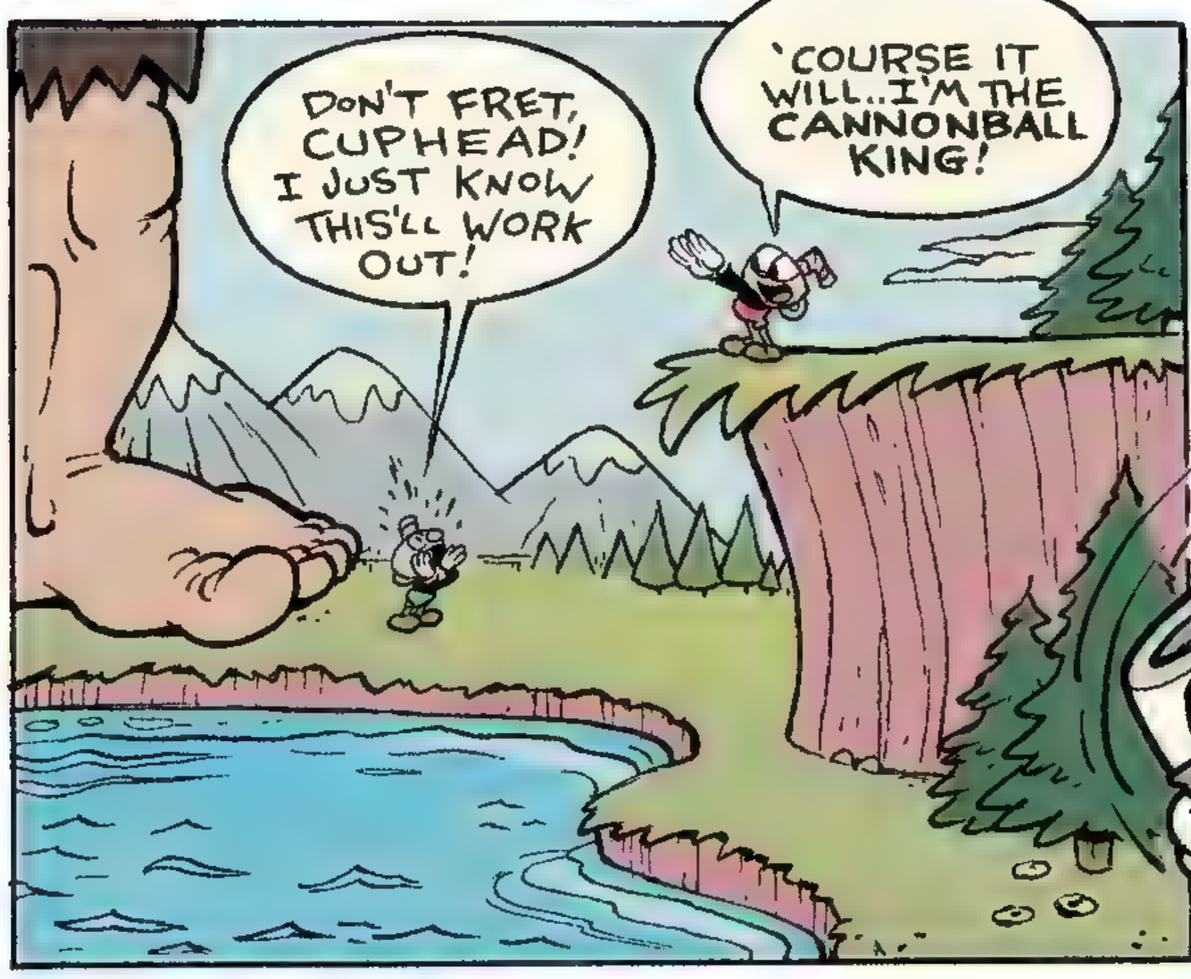
MY FRIENDS! WHY DON'T WE FIX THIS PICKLE WITH A LI'L COMPETITION??

--WHOEVER CAN MAKE A BIGGER **SPLASH** GETS THE LAKE FOR THE DAY.

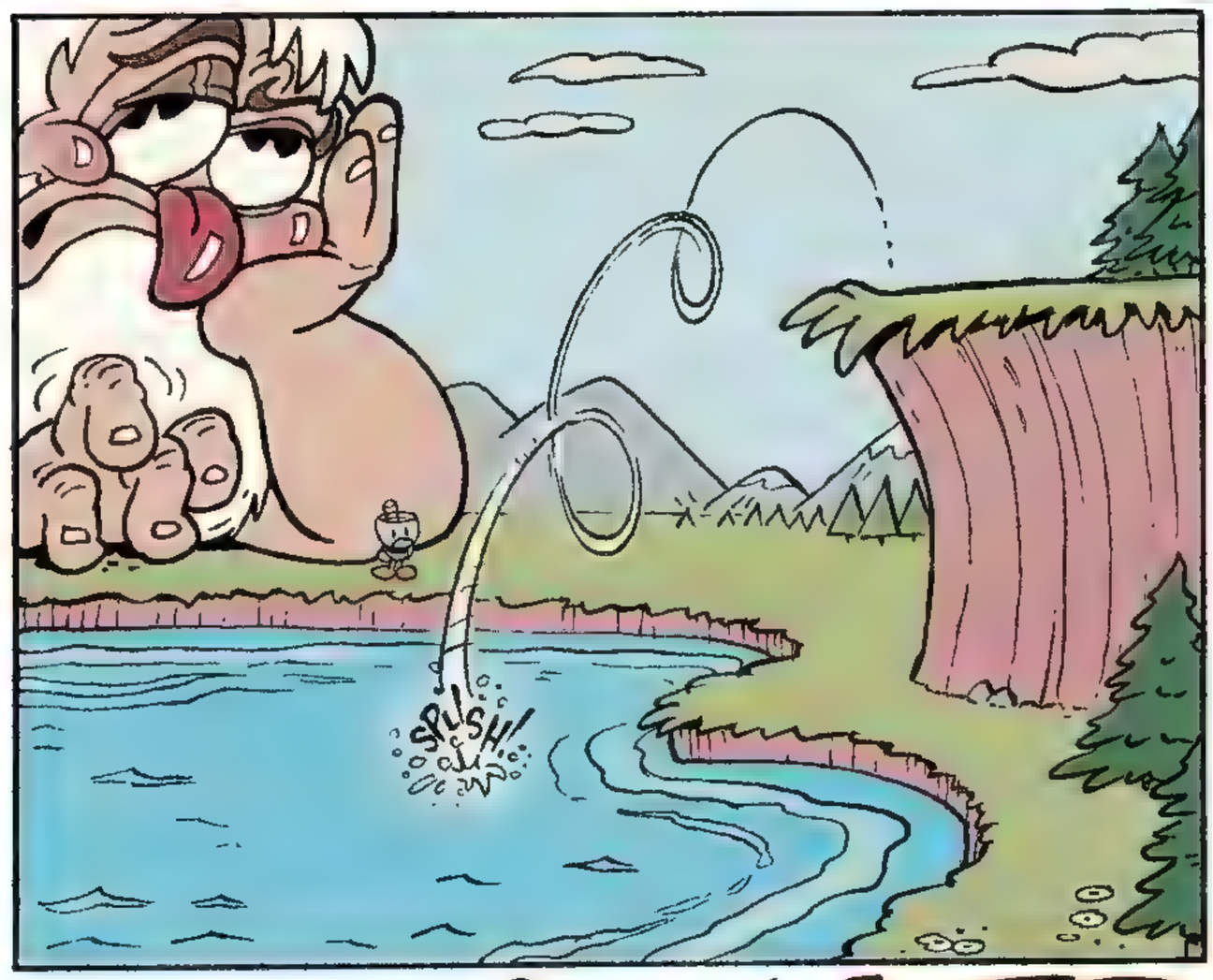
KISS YOUR LAKE GOODBYE, BIG MAN!

PREPARE TO **LOSE**, LITTLE ONE!

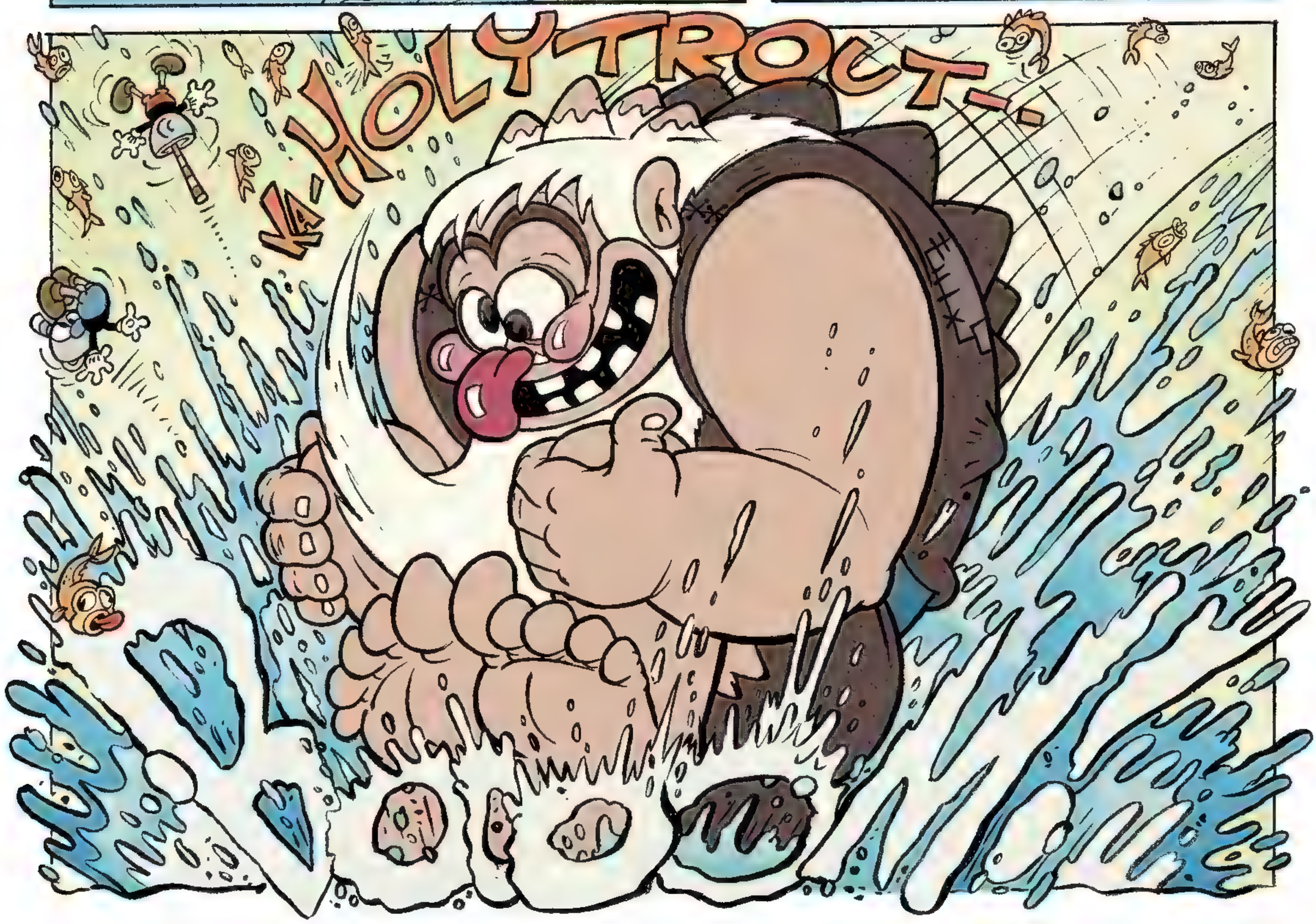
SHAKE SHAKE


DON'T FRET, CUPHEAD! I JUST KNOW THIS'LL WORK OUT!
'COURSE IT WILL..I'M THE CANNONBALL KING!

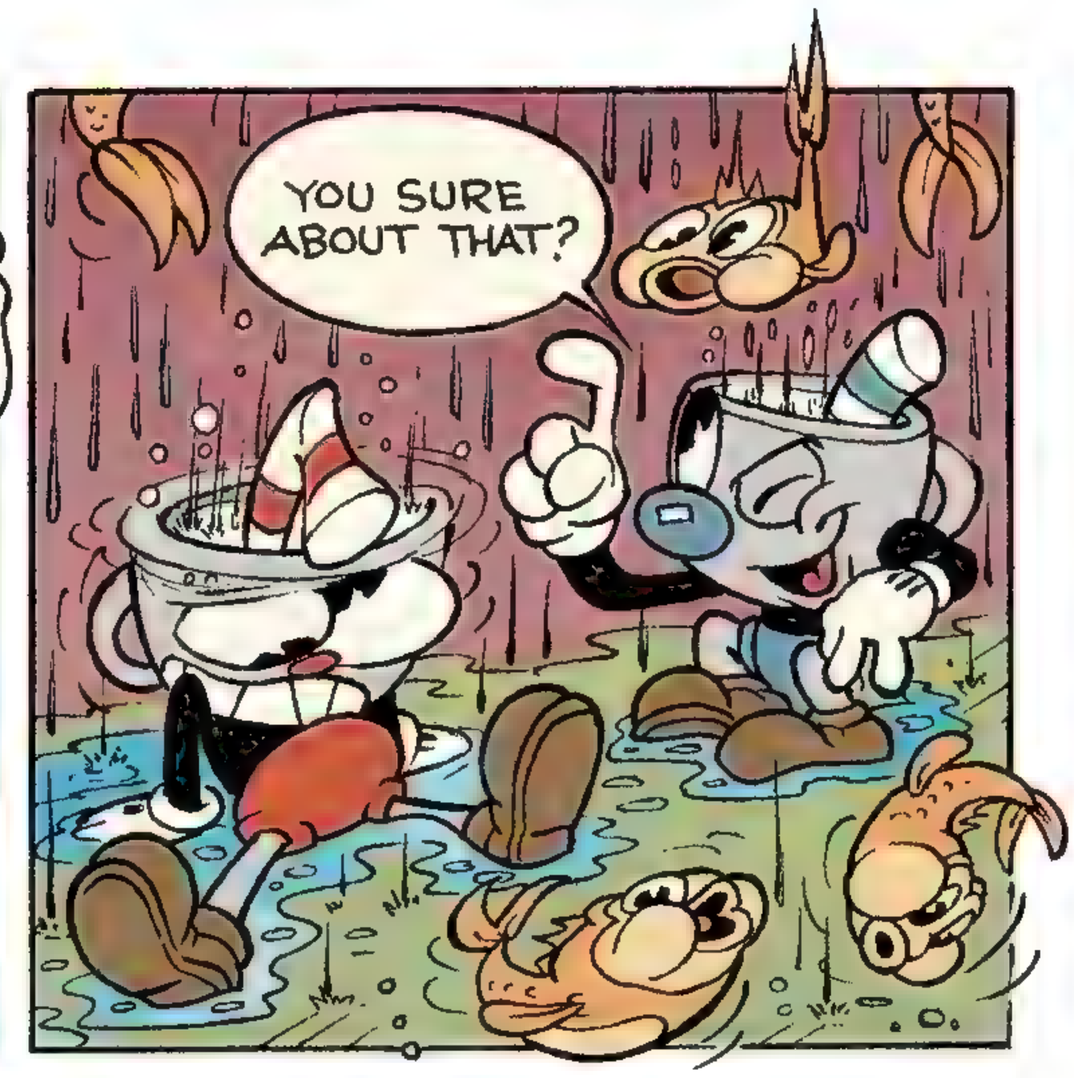
CANNONBALL..
..KIIINNGG!


SPLUSH!

HA! BEAT THAT!
SPLOOT!
FLIPPA
FLIPPA
FLIPPA


HOLYTROUT-

HOO-HOO, HOOOO!!! SWEET VICTORY! I CLAIM THIS PUDDLE FOR ME AND MY FEET!


YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

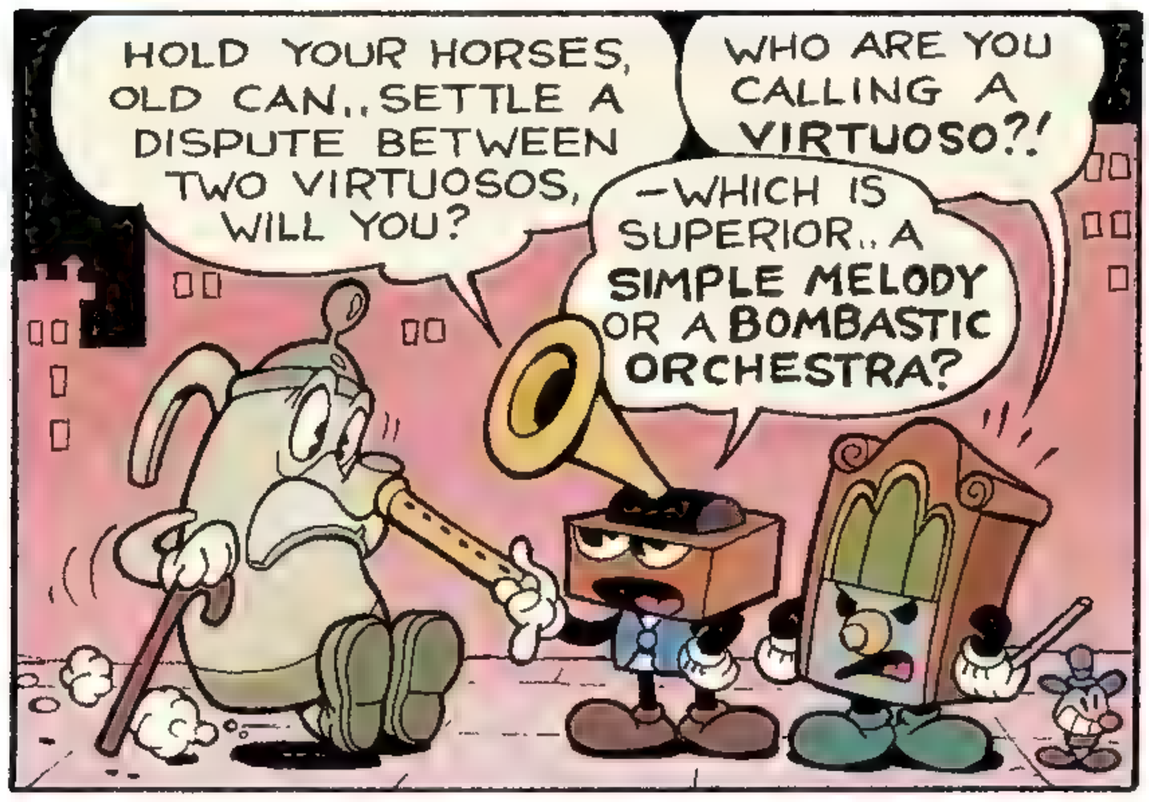
NO!! NOO..!!! WHAT HAVE I DONE??!
FLIPPA
FLIPPA
FLIPPA
FLIPPA
FLIPPA
FLIPPA
FLIPPA
FLIPPA
FLIPPA
FLIPPA

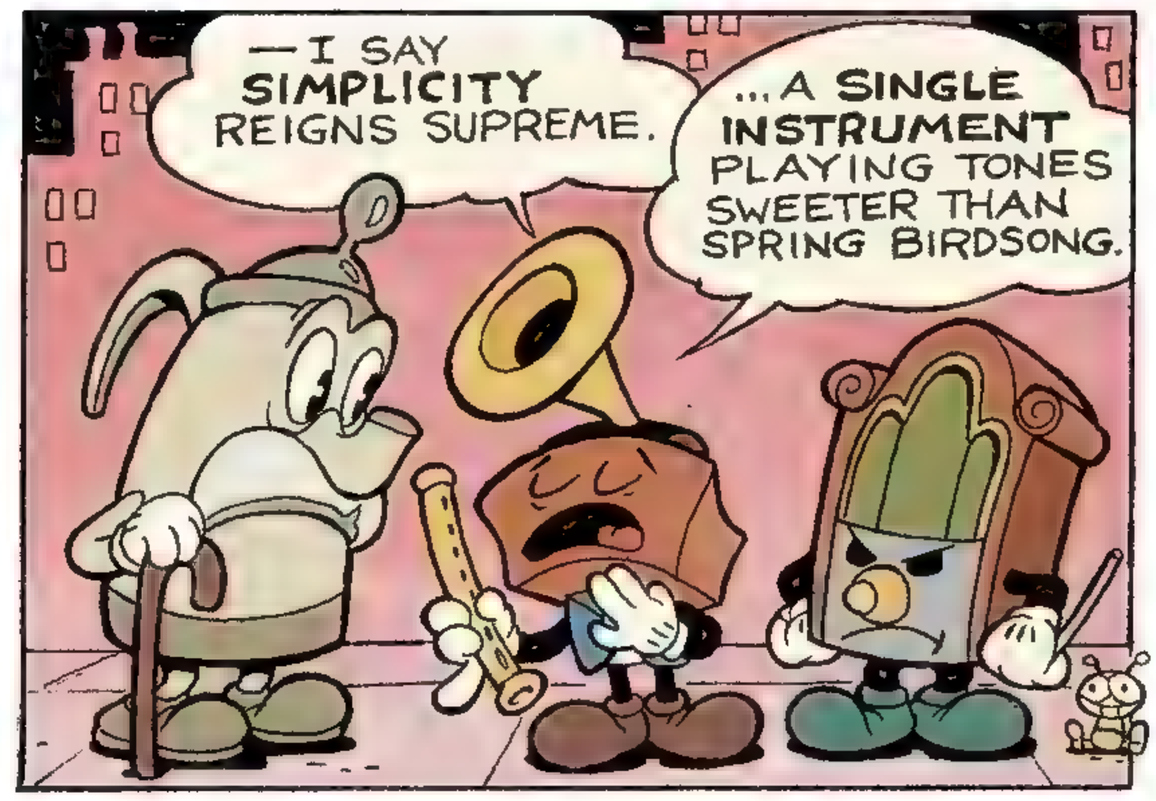
YOU KNEW I'D LOSE, DIDN'T YOU?
SOMETIMES YOU CAN LOSE AND WIN AT THE SAME TIME.
..NOW START SCOOPING!
SCOOP SCOOP

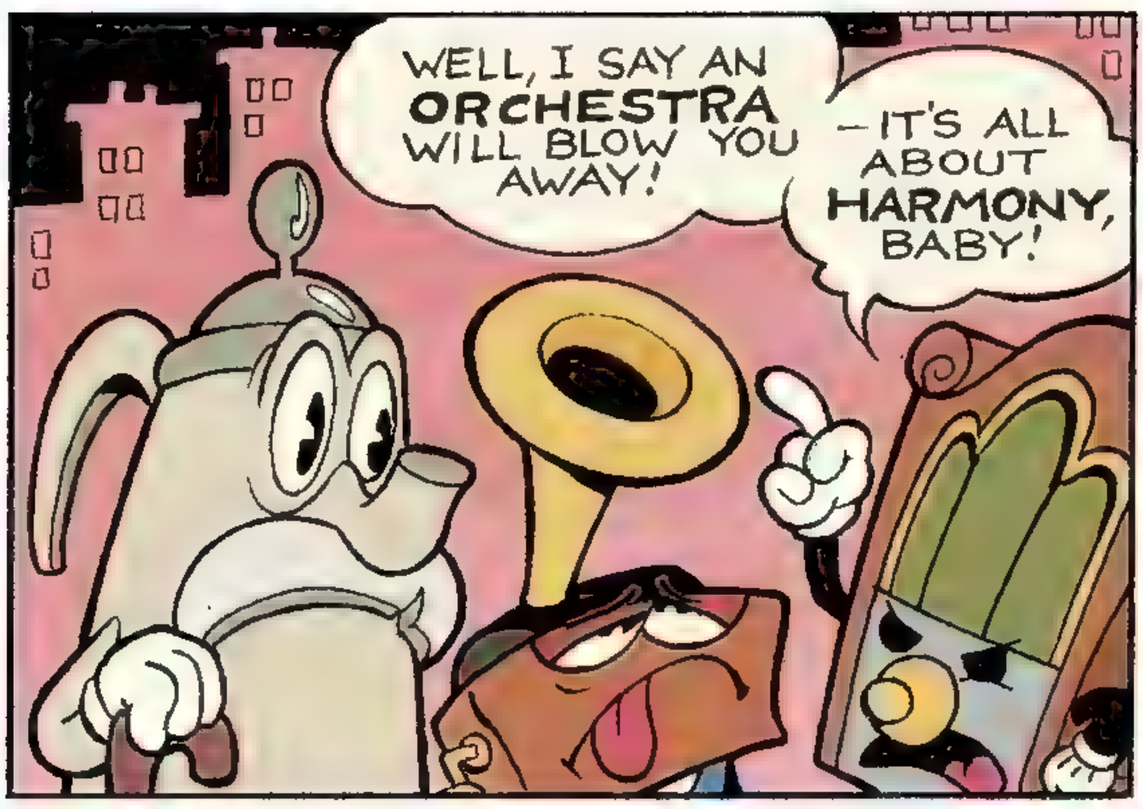
GET BACK HERE! OW! OWW! MY BOULDER STOMPERS!
TWENTY-SIX, MUGMAN! TWENTY-SIX!
THE LUCKY STREAK CONTINUES!

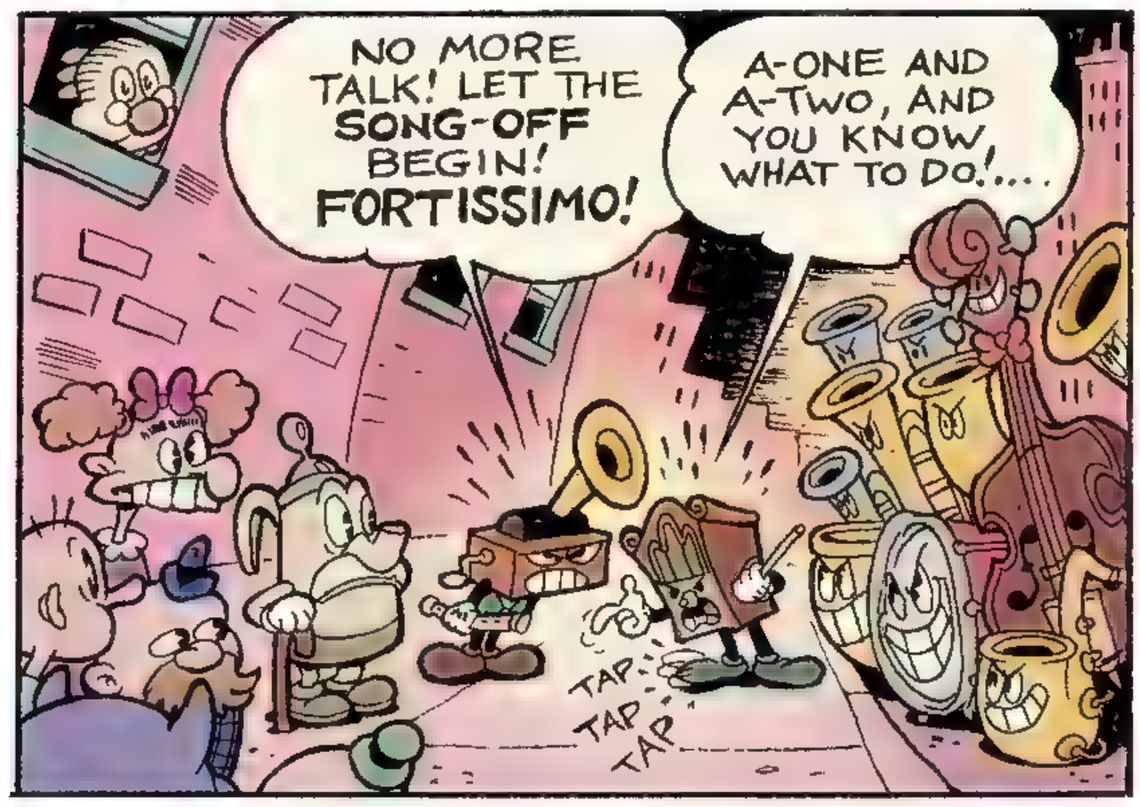
ELDER KETTLE IN JINGLE JEST!

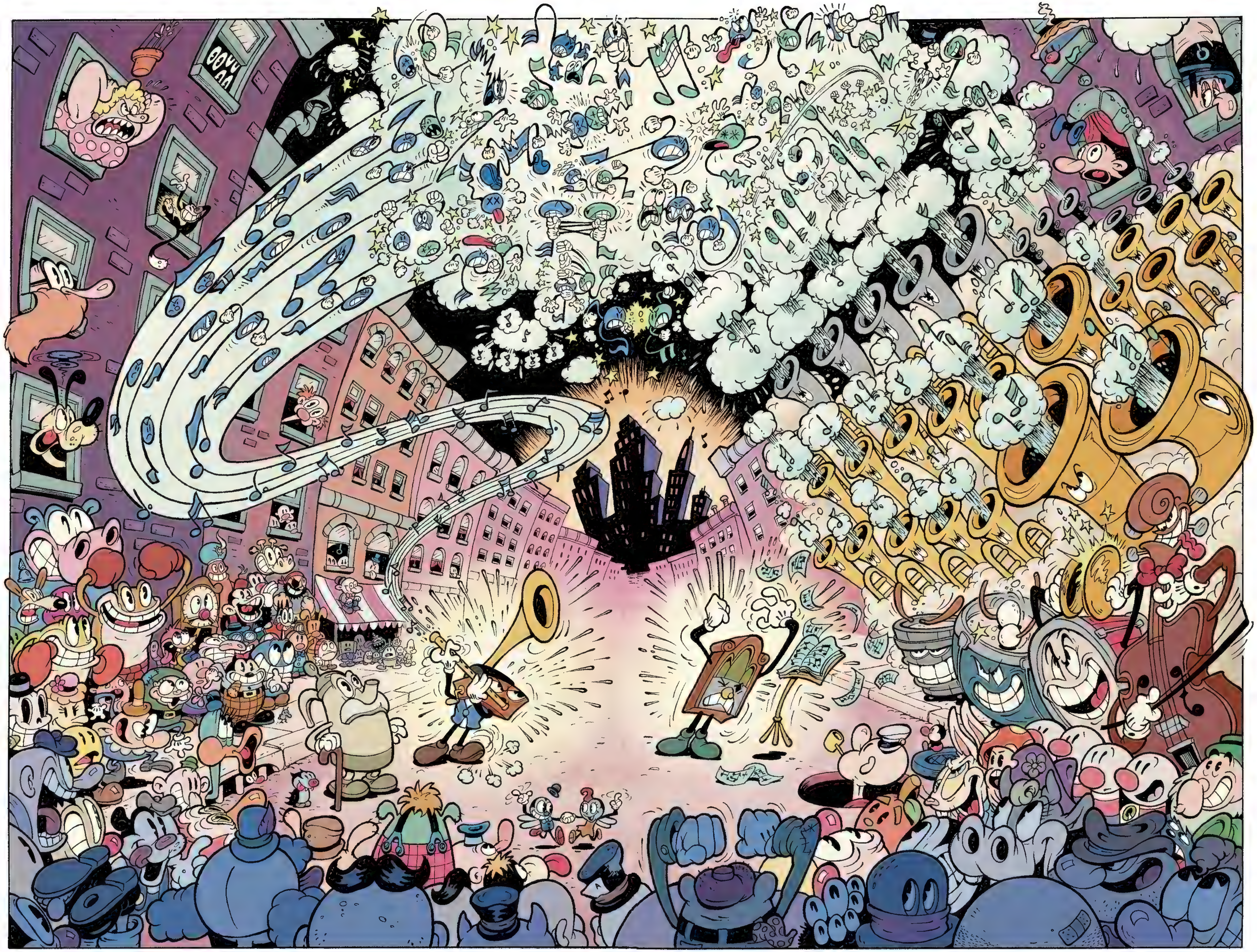
SNAP! SNAP!
NITE CLUB
DAY CLUB
DAWN 'N DUSK
CLUB
POW!
SNAP SNAP!

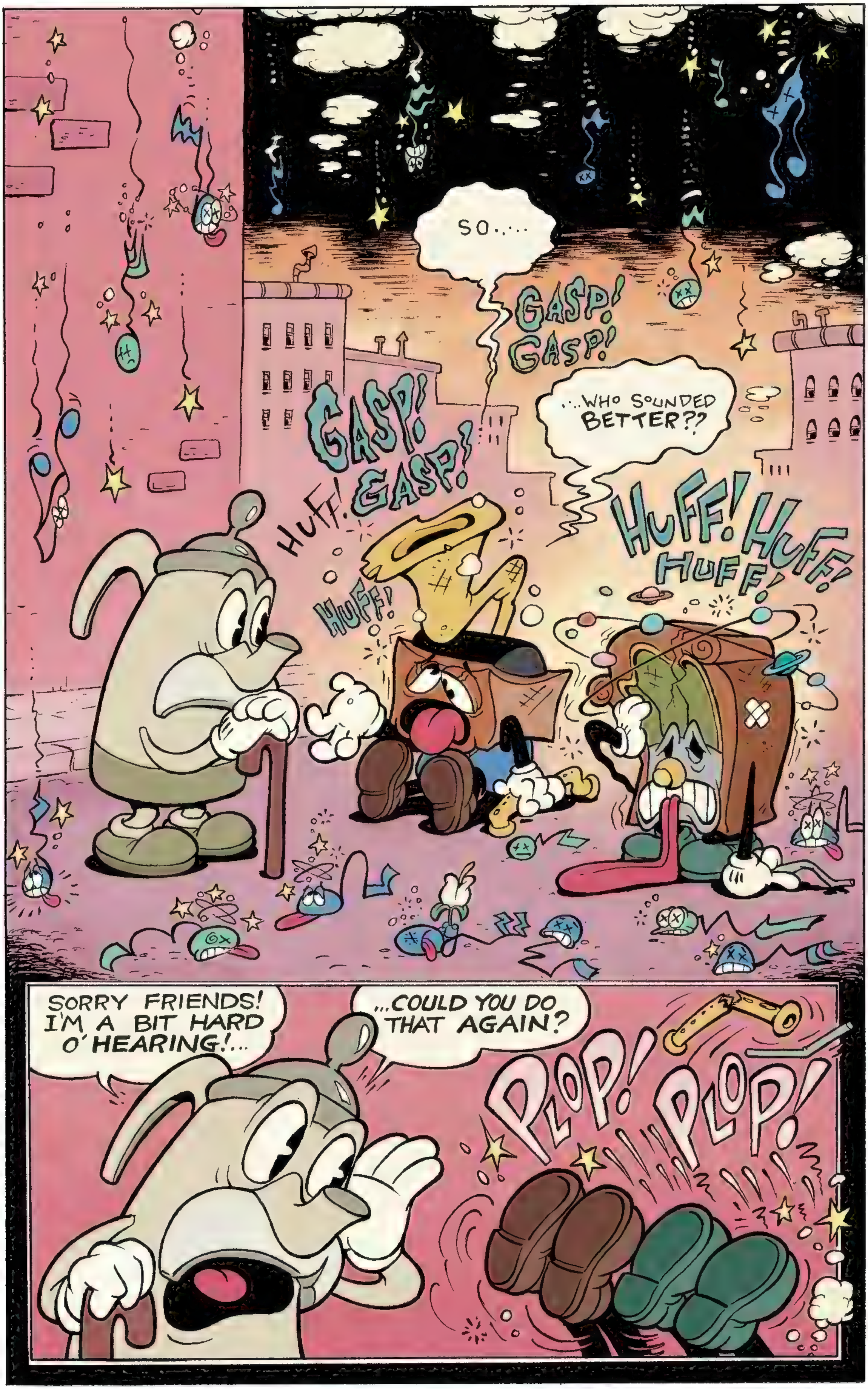











SO.....
GASP! GASP!
GASP! GASP!
...WHO SOUNDED BETTER??
HUFF! HUFF!
HUFF! HUFF!
SORRY FRIENDS! I'M A BIT HARD O' HEARING!...
...COULD YOU DO THAT AGAIN?
PLOP! PLOP!

DON'T BE A
BONEHEAD...
HIT THE BOOKS!

CUPHEAD & MUGMAN IN

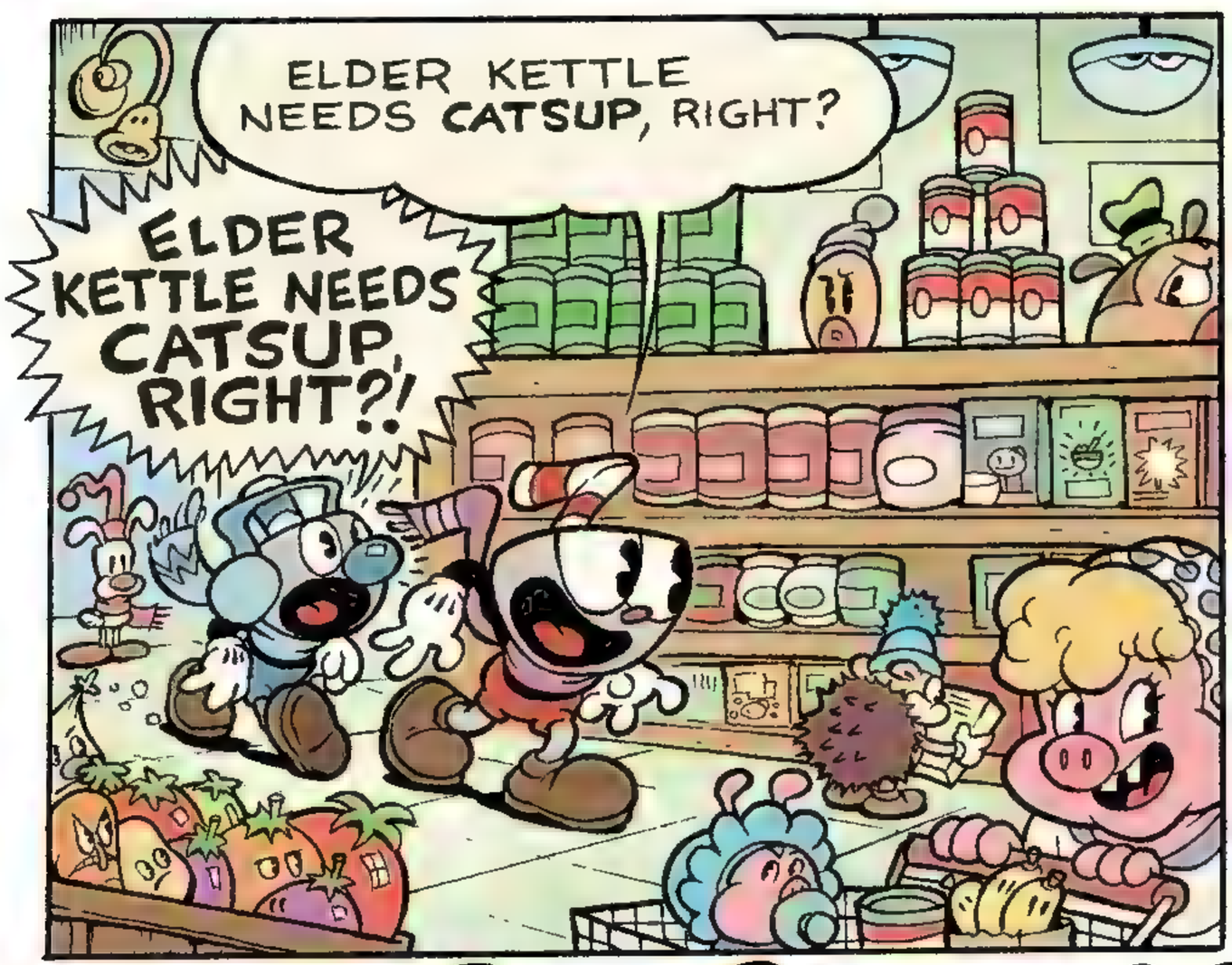
"SIREN SMACKDOWN!"

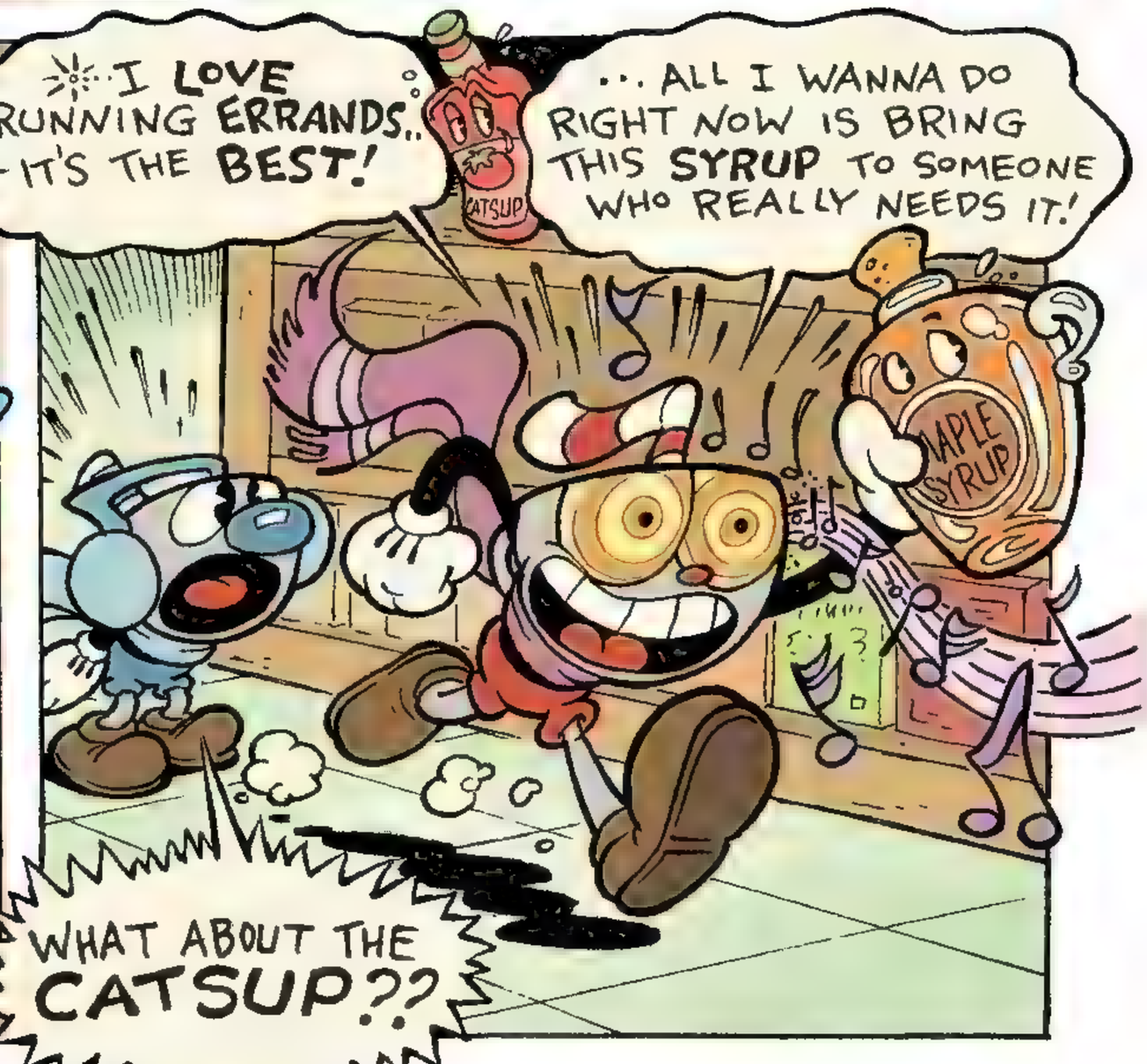
STORE

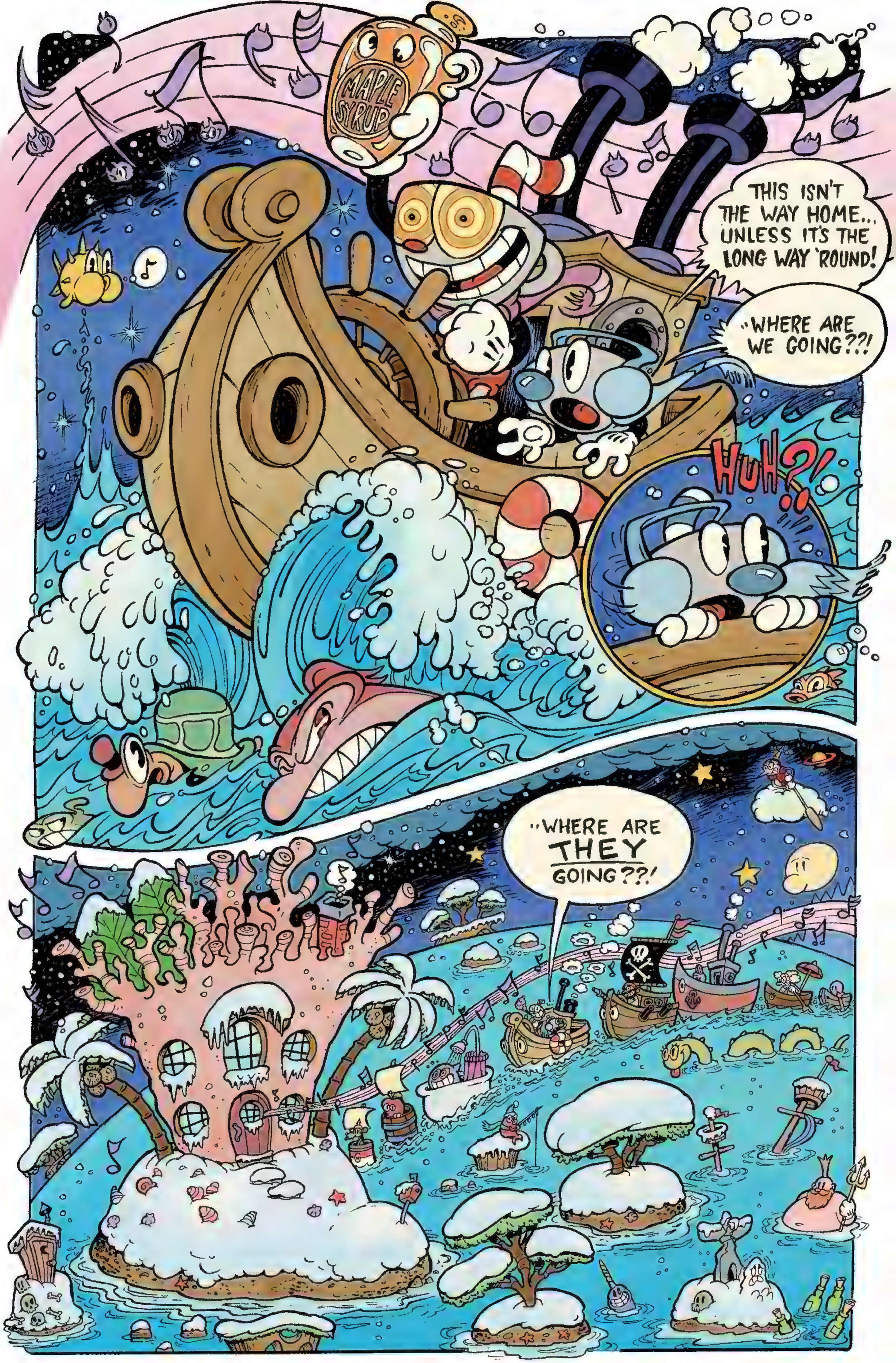
—LET'S JUST GET IN, GET WHAT ELDER KETTLE NEEDS, —AND GET OUT... I'M NOT WASTING MY DAY RUNNING CRUMMY ERRANDS!

WHAT'D YA SAY, CUPHEAD?! I CAN'T HEAR YA THROUGH MY MUFFS!

...AM I YELLING?!






MAPLE SYRUP
THIS ISN'T THE WAY HOME... UNLESS IT'S THE LONG WAY 'ROUND!
"WHERE ARE WE GOING??!
HUH?!
"WHERE ARE THEY GOING??!

..THE LIFE OF A SIREN'S TIRIN'!
ALL DAY RHYMIN' GOT ME PERSPIRIN'!
YUMMY BACON, EGGS, PANCAKES AND TOAST!
MY PLAN WORKED PERFECT AND THAT'S NO BOAST!
THE STORE IS FAR AND I FELT LAZY...
YOU BROUGHT ME NOSH..IS THAT SO CRAZY?!?

IF YOU SING WE'LL DO ANYTHING! WHAT ELSE CAN WE DO??!

MAPLE SYRUP

JAM

HMMM... MAYBE THERE ARE A FEW OTHER CHORES..

GLUG GLUG GLUG

TH' YARRR-D WORK IS DONE!
SCRUB SCRUB SCRUB
SHOVEL SHOVEL
SQUEAK! SQUEAK!
SQUEAKY CLEAN!
WHY WAS I USING MY SIREN SONG TO CRASH SHIPS AGAINST ROCKS ALL THESE YEARS, ..WHEN I COULD'VE BEEN LIVING THE EASY LIFE?!!
SWEEP SWEEP
SWEEP
SHAKE
SHAKE
SNK! SNK!
KLINK! KLINK!
RAKE RAKE
FRESHEN YOUR DRINK?
MARIA

EXCUSE ME, MA'AM! "ISN'T IT A BIT COLD TO BE WORKING OUTDOORS?!" ..EVERYONE SHOULD BE WEARING EAR-MUFFS AT LEAST!
SPLASH!
HISSSSSSS!

JUST GIVE 'EM SOME SHELLS!
-AND STOP YELLING!

HERE YA GO! ..AS ELDER KETTLE ALWAYS SAYS, —"A WARM HEAD IS A HAPPY HEAD!"

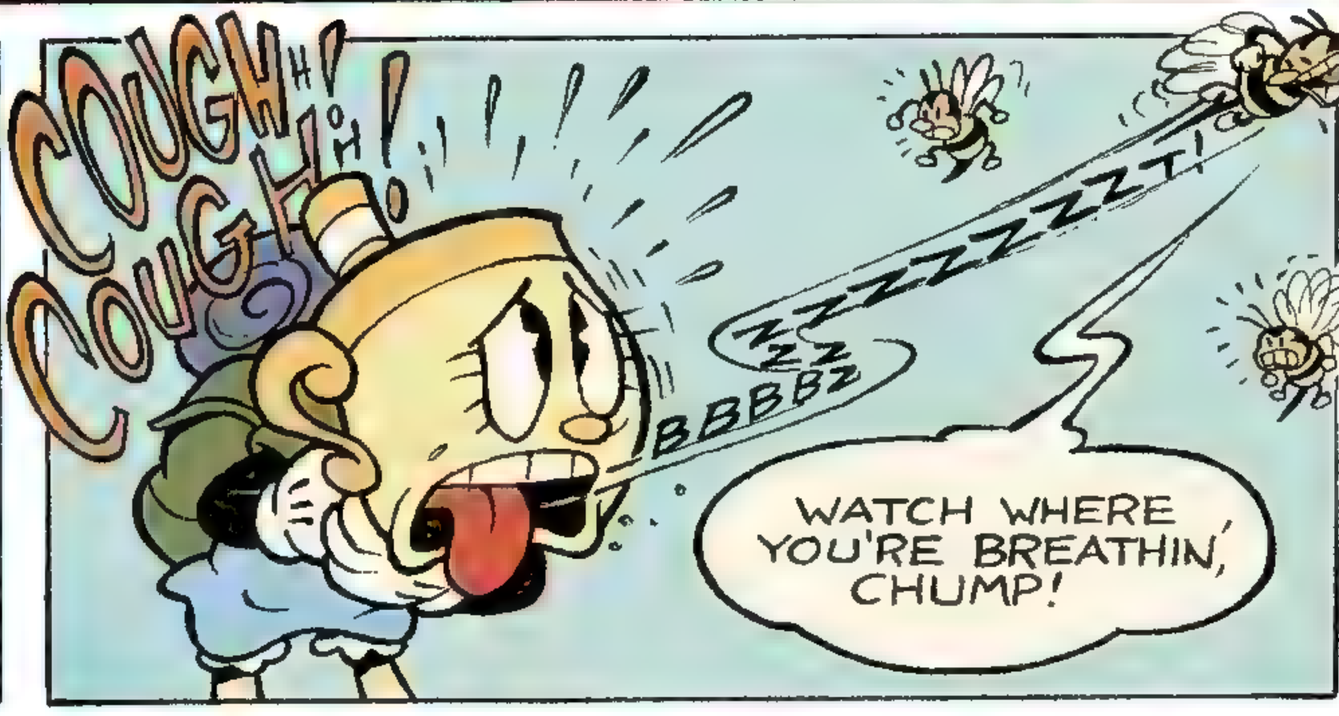
GAARRR!! MY FACE BONES!!
SNAP! SNAP!
SNAP!
SNAP!
SNAP!
AIIEEE!!

CRASH!
GET IT OFF! GET IT OFF!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
SPLASH!
BY CUDE 'IDDLE DOSE!
BACK TO THE SALTY DEPTHS, YE SHELLED DEVIL!
SHING
FROOOOM
CRASH!
AIEEE!
AIEEE!
CRASH!
NO! NO! NO!!! YOU NINCOMPOOPS RUINED EVERYTHING!!!
GUESS EARMUFFS AREN'T FOR EVERYONE!
ZZZZT!
GAHH!
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
THOSE BOYS'LL BE BACK WITH SOME DELICIOUS CATSUP ANY MINUTE NOW...
...ANY MINUTE...

CUPHEAD, MUGMAN, & MS. CHALICE IN

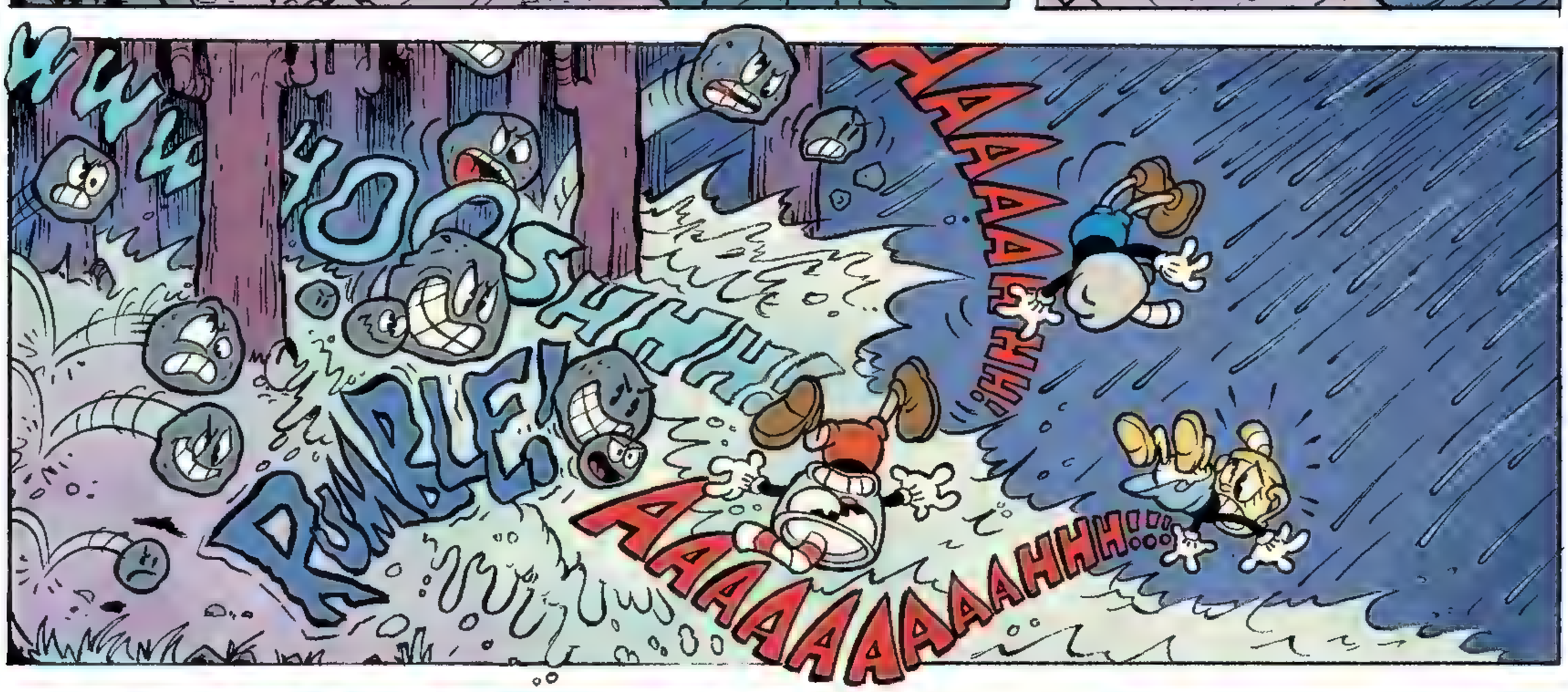
"NATURAL KNOCKOUT!"

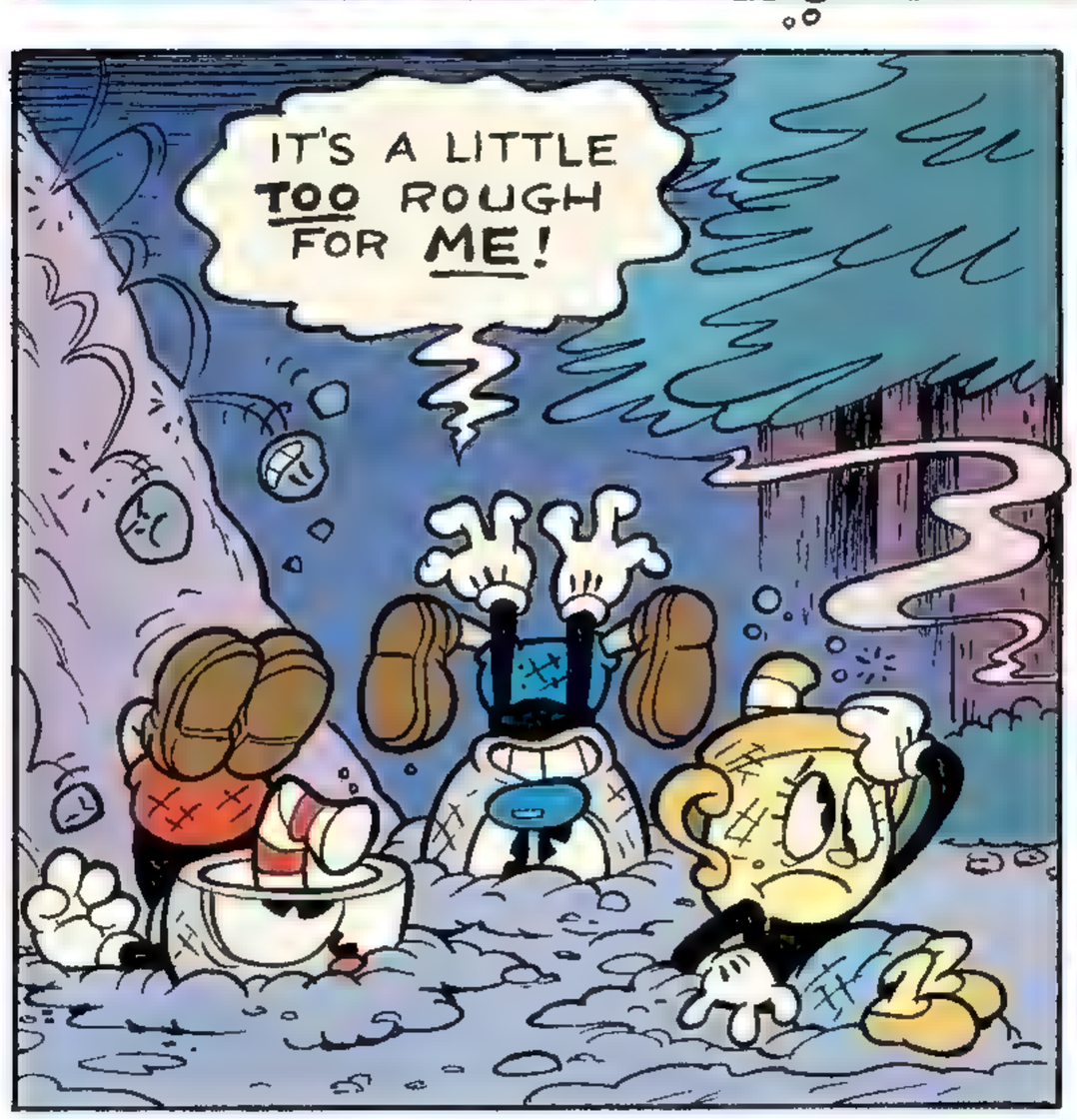
STARRY SKIES... FRESH AIR...THIS CAMPING TRIP IS THE BEE'S KNEES!

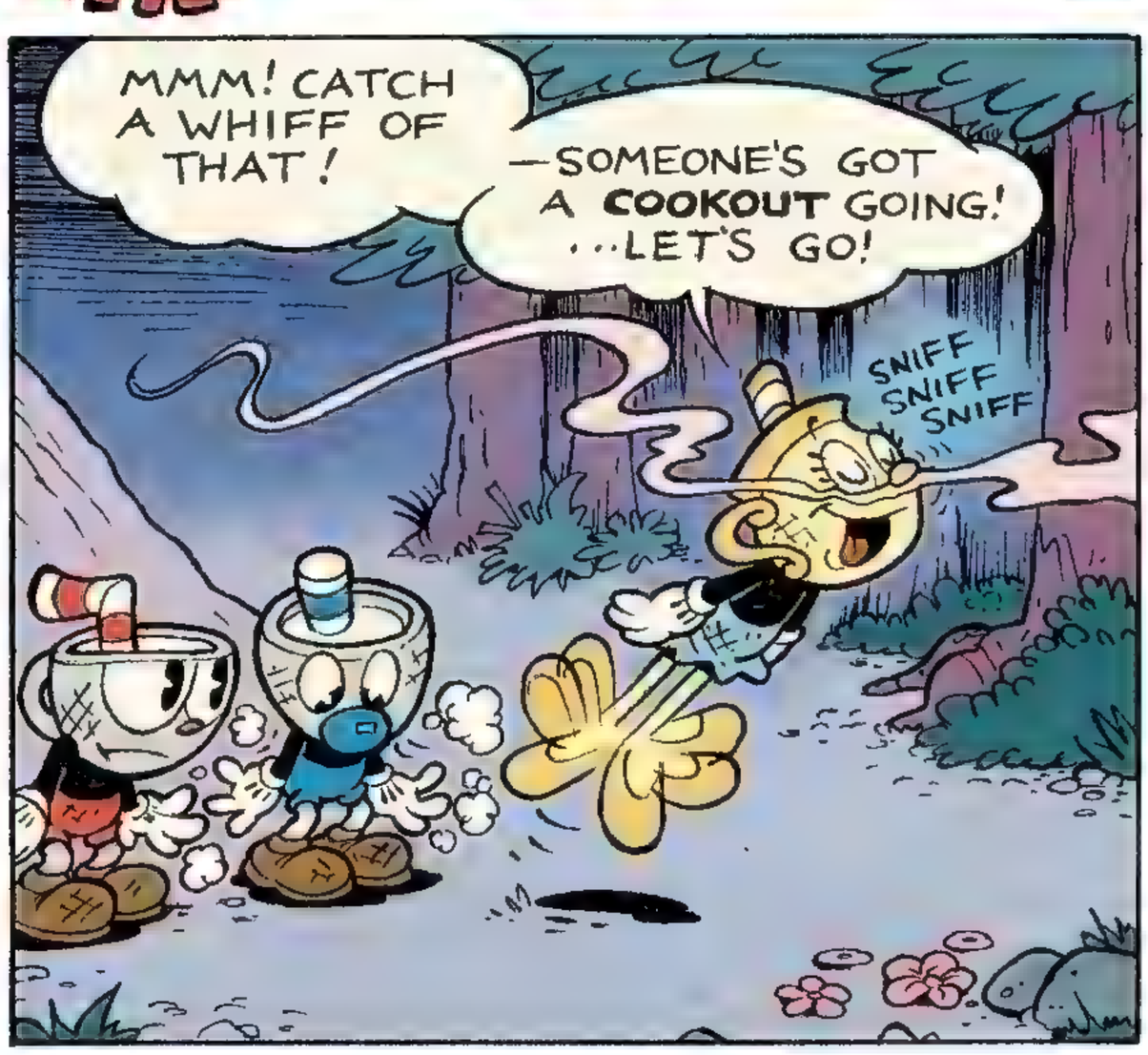


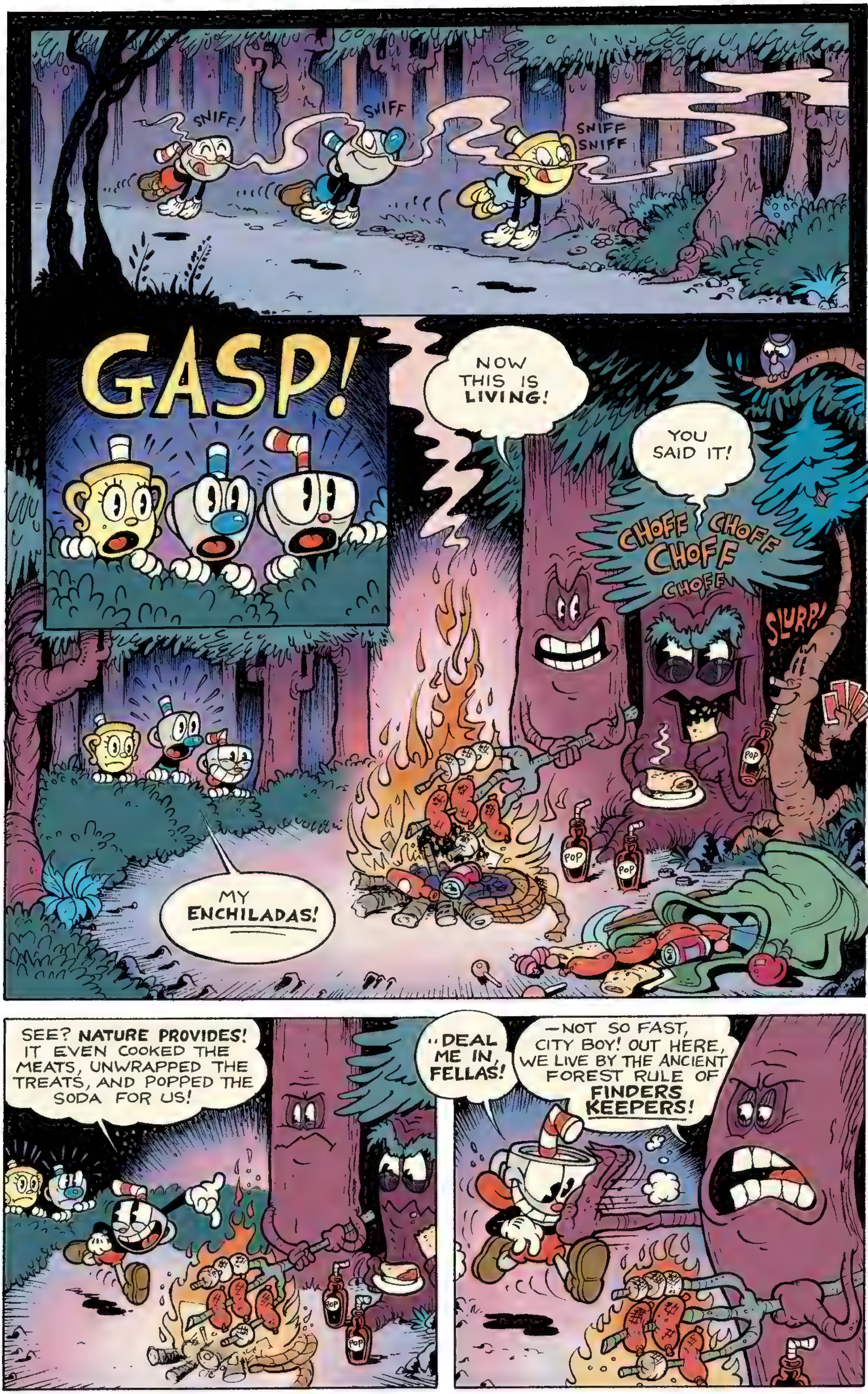
ONE HOUR LATER...
NOW THIS IS ROUGHING IT!

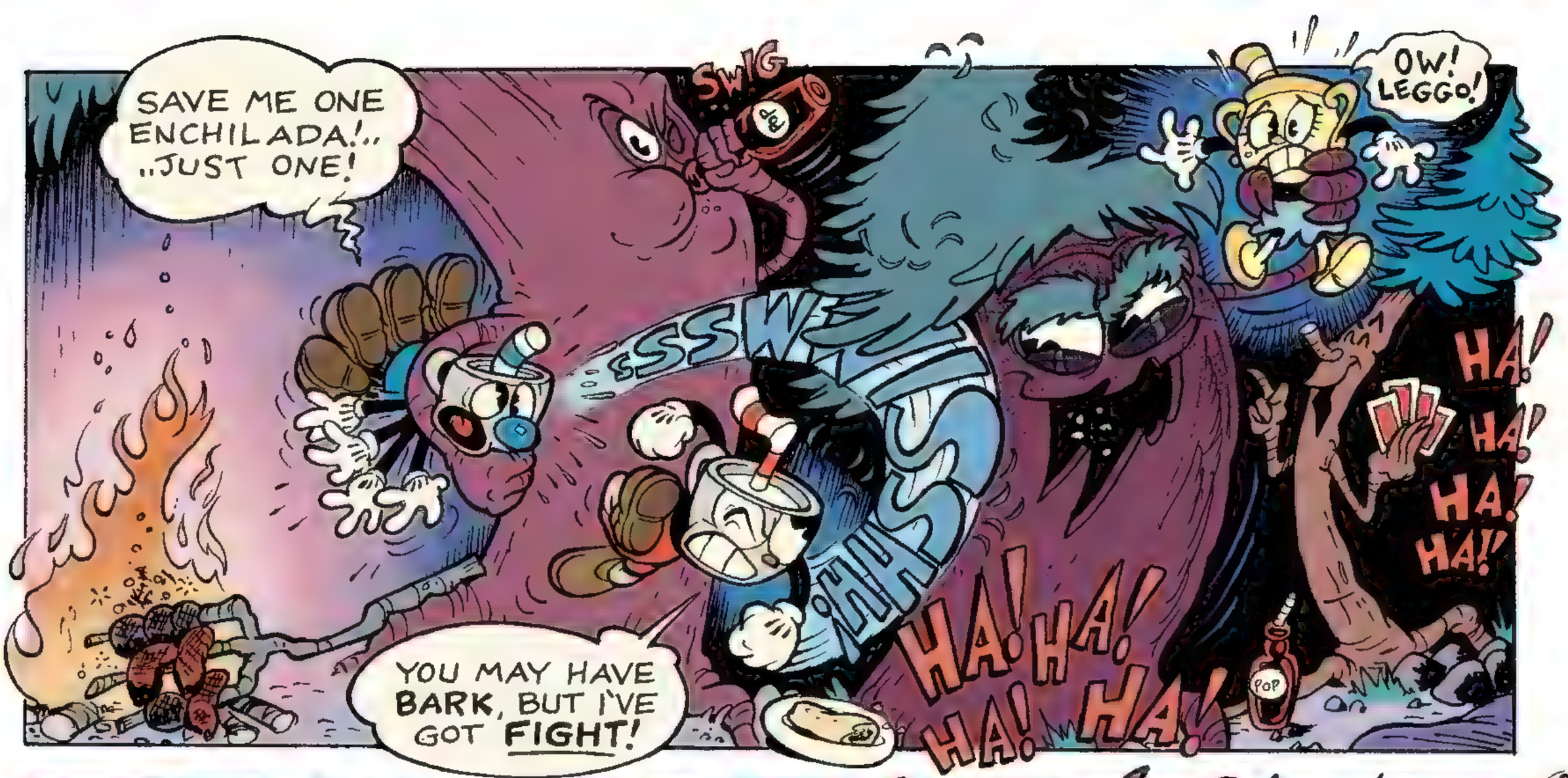
BOM!
SKRAASH!


HA HA HA
SHHH
RUMBLE!
AAAAAAAAAAHHH!!!

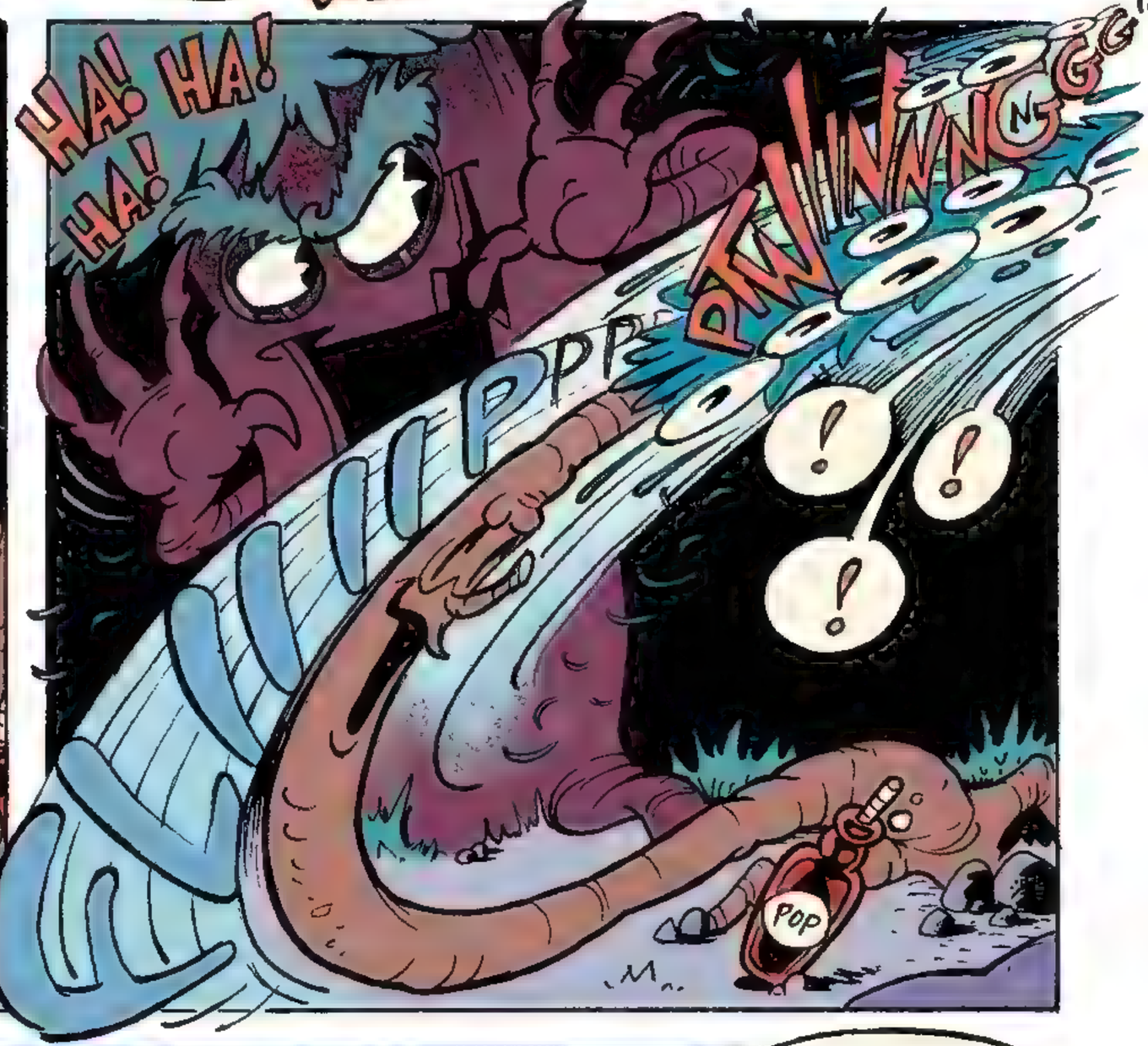

IT'S A LITTLE TOO ROUGH FOR ME!


MMM! CATCH A WHIFF OF THAT!
—SOMEONE'S GOT A COOKOUT GOING! ...LET'S GO!
SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF


SNIFF!
SNIFF
SNIFF SNIFF
GASP!
NOW THIS IS LIVING!
YOU SAID IT!
CHOFF CHOFF CHOFF CHOFF
SLURP!
POP
POP
POP
MY ENCHILADAS!
SEE? NATURE PROVIDES! IT EVEN COOKED THE MEATS, UNWRAPPED THE TREATS, AND POPPED THE SODA FOR US!
..DEAL ME IN, FELLAS!
—NOT SO FAST, CITY BOY! OUT HERE, WE LIVE BY THE ANCIENT FOREST RULE OF FINDERS KEEPERS!


SAVE ME ONE ENCHILADA!.. ..JUST ONE!
SWIG
OW! LEGGO!
SSSWISH
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!
HA! HA! HA!
POP
YOU MAY HAVE BARK, BUT I'VE GOT FIGHT!

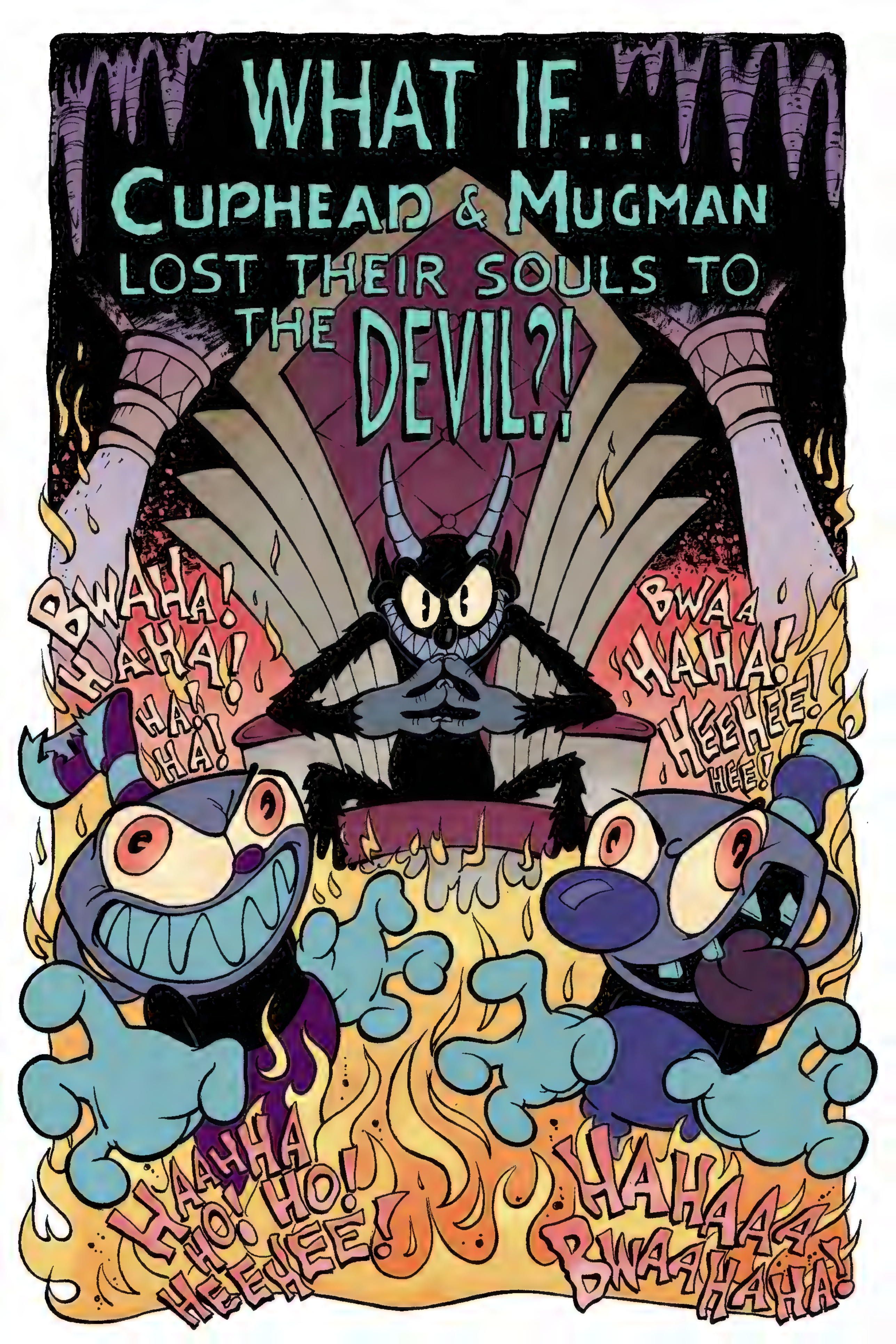
READY, BROTHER?
LOCKED N' LOADED!
POP


HA! HA! HA!
PTW!
!
!
!
POP

BEST CAMPING TRIP YET!
AT LEAST WE GOT OUR STARRY SKIES AND FRESH AIR...
I THINK I PREFER THE GREAT IN-DOORS!

GIVE A DARN!

...MAKE DO WITH WHATCHA GOT!


WHAT IF...
CUPHEAD & MUGMAN
LOST THEIR SOULS TO
THE DEVIL?!
BWAHA! HA-HA! HA! HA!
BWAA HAHA! HEEHEE! HEE!
HAAHHA HO! HO! HEEHEE!
HAHAA BWAAHAHA!

EVIL CUPHEAD & VILE MUGMAN IN "WORKDAY WIND-UP!"

NOW THAT WE GOT ALL THAT **LAUGHTER** OUTTA OUR SYSTEMS WE CAN FINALLY START YOUR FIRST DAY OF **WORK!**

—I NEED YOUR HELP WITH SOME **HOT NEW SCHEMES** THAT ARE GUAR-ANTEED TO INCREASE MY **SOUL QUOTA!**

CHOFF!

LIKE WHAT?? **BORING** PEOPLE TO **DEATH?!**

'CAUSE IT'S WORKIN'?

HHBBPPBPTPT!!

No! ..THIS TIME I'M GOING STRAIGHT FOR A PERSON'S **PRIMARY WEAKNESS!**

TAP TAP TAP

THEIR **THROATS!**

THEIR **HEARTS!**

THEIR **VICES!**

RUFFLE

RUFFLE

..FOLLOW ME, BOYS. **SOULS AWAIT!**

..**STOP THAT!**

BONK!

DROUGHT, POVERTY, CORRUPTION... WE'RE IN THIRSTY TIMES, I TELL YA!
..WHAT BETTER WAY TO FORGET IT ALL THAN WITH SOME TASTY HELLFIRE WATER?
BRIMSTONE BREWERY

..EXCEPT THESE BOTTLES ARE CURSED WITH GHOST GLASS! ONE SIP'LL SUCK YOUR SOUL RIGHT IN!!!
BRIMSTONE BREWERY
—I NEED YOU BOYS TO DELIVER...

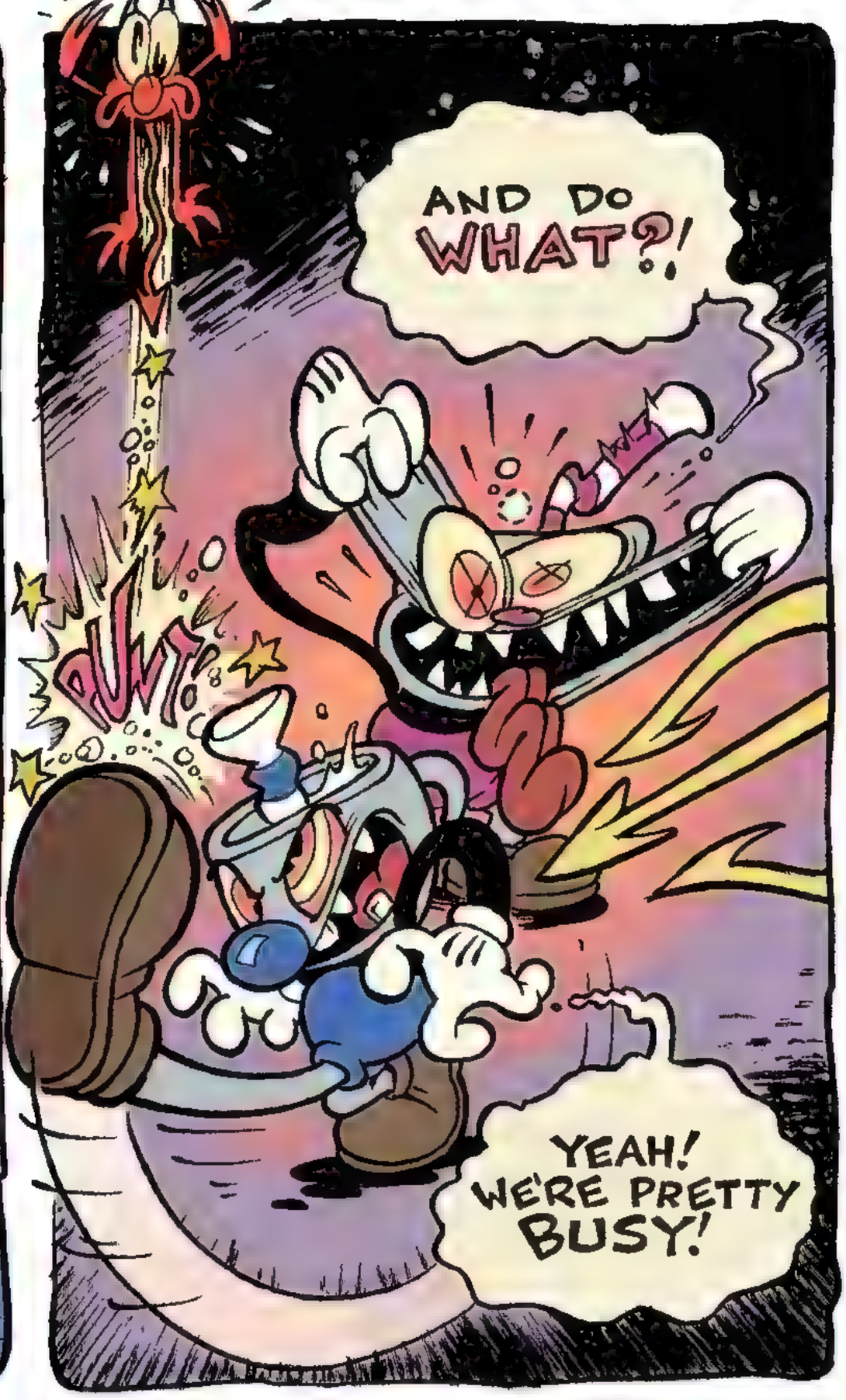
BATTER UP!!!
BRIMSTONE BREWERY
KICK THE BOTTLE'S WAY MORE FUN THAN KICK THE CAN!

MY HAUNTED HOOCH!

I DIDN'T GET THIS JOB 'CAUSE I HAD JUST ONE SWELL SCHEME! CATCH A WHIFF OF THIS: —THEY SAY SMOKING KILLS!..
...AND WITH MY "OLD SCRATCH" CIGARS THEY AIN'T KIDDIN'!
ONE HUFF N' PUFF O' THIS STUFF AND YOU'LL BE RIDIN' THE PHANTOM EXPRESS!
"OLD SCRATCH" MATCH-N-PUFF CIGARS
THAT IDEA WENT UP IN ...SMOKE!
'CAUSE WE BURNED IT!
MY TAINTED TOBACCY!

I STILL GOT ONE LAST ACE UP MY SLEEVE: "PURGATORIAL PLAYIN' CARDS!"
PURGATORIAL PLAYIN' CARDS
— ONE GAME LASTS ETERNITY! —IT'S NO CHEAT... THE RULES ARE IN THE FINE PRINT!
"EXCEPT NO ONE EVER READS THE FINE PRINT!
FLIPPA FLIPPA FLIPPA
FLOPPA FLOPPA FLOPPA
"SHIP THESE OFF TO KING DICE!
PURGATORIAL PLAYIN' CARDS
THIS ONE'S A HIT!!
YEAH! LOOKS LIKE HE'S ALREADY HUNGRY FOR MORE!
CHOFF CHOFF
HOFF
CHOFF
CHOFF CHOFF!
GAH!!! WHY DO I KEEP LOOKING AWAY??!

THAT'S IT!!! I KNOW IT'S ONLY YOUR FIRST DAY...BUT YOU MUGS GOTTA VAMOOSE!


AND DO WHAT?!
YEAH! WE'RE PRETTY BUSY!

NOTHIN'!! JUST SCRAM!
HEE! HEE! HEE! HEE! HEE! HEE! HO! HO!

I DUNNO WHAT PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS COMPLAINING ABOUT...WORK IS FUN AS HELL!
CRACK
YOU SAID IT!
FLIP!
SOUS

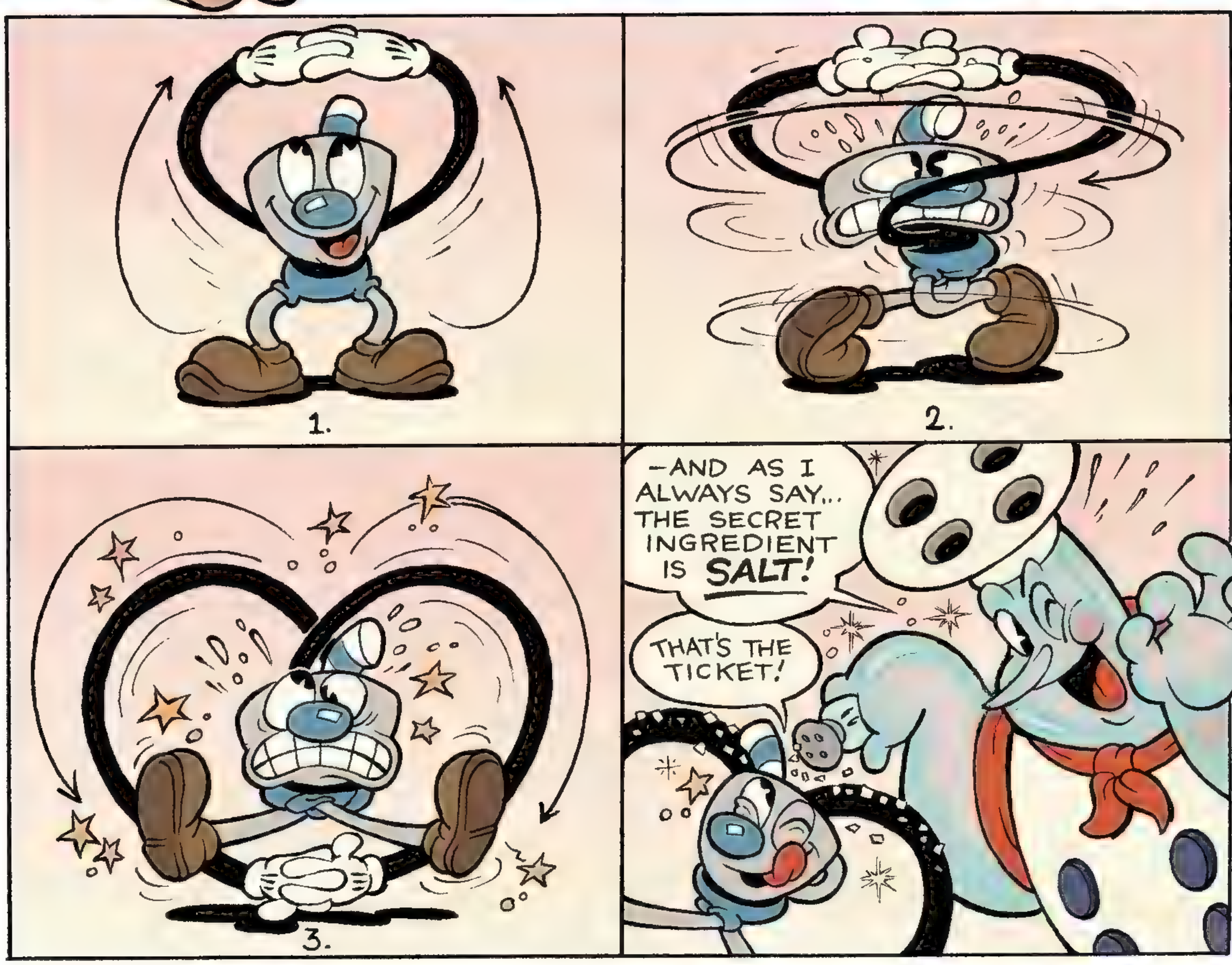
CHEF SALTBAKER'S

GEN-U-INE BAKEBOOK

OFFICIAL RECIPES FOR UNOFFICIAL BAKERS

Making CHEF SALTBAKER'S FAMOUS "SALTED BREAD TWISTS" CAN BECOME A BAKER'S TANGLED NIGHTMARE!

"BUT MUGMAN WILL SHOW YOU HOW IT'S DONE!



ELDER KETTLE IN "PHANTOM PHOIBLES!"

AH, THE MORNING PAPER!

NO FINER WAY TO START THE DAY THAN READING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED **YESTERDAY!**

HUH?

ADAM SHAME

EITHER SOMEBODY GOOFED AND SMUDGED THE INK...OR MY EYE-SIGHT'S FINALLY GONE TO SEED!

BLINK BLINK

SUPPOSE I'M NOT THE YOUNG KETTLE I ONCE WAS, BUT YOU'RE NEVER TOO OLD FOR YOUR FIRST PAIR OF **SPECTACLES!**

—BEST TAKE THE **PHARMACY EXPRESS** TO THE **EYE DOCTOR**--..POST HASTE!

BAP! BLINK BLINK!!! BANG! CRASH! TAP TAP

PHARMACY EXPRESS

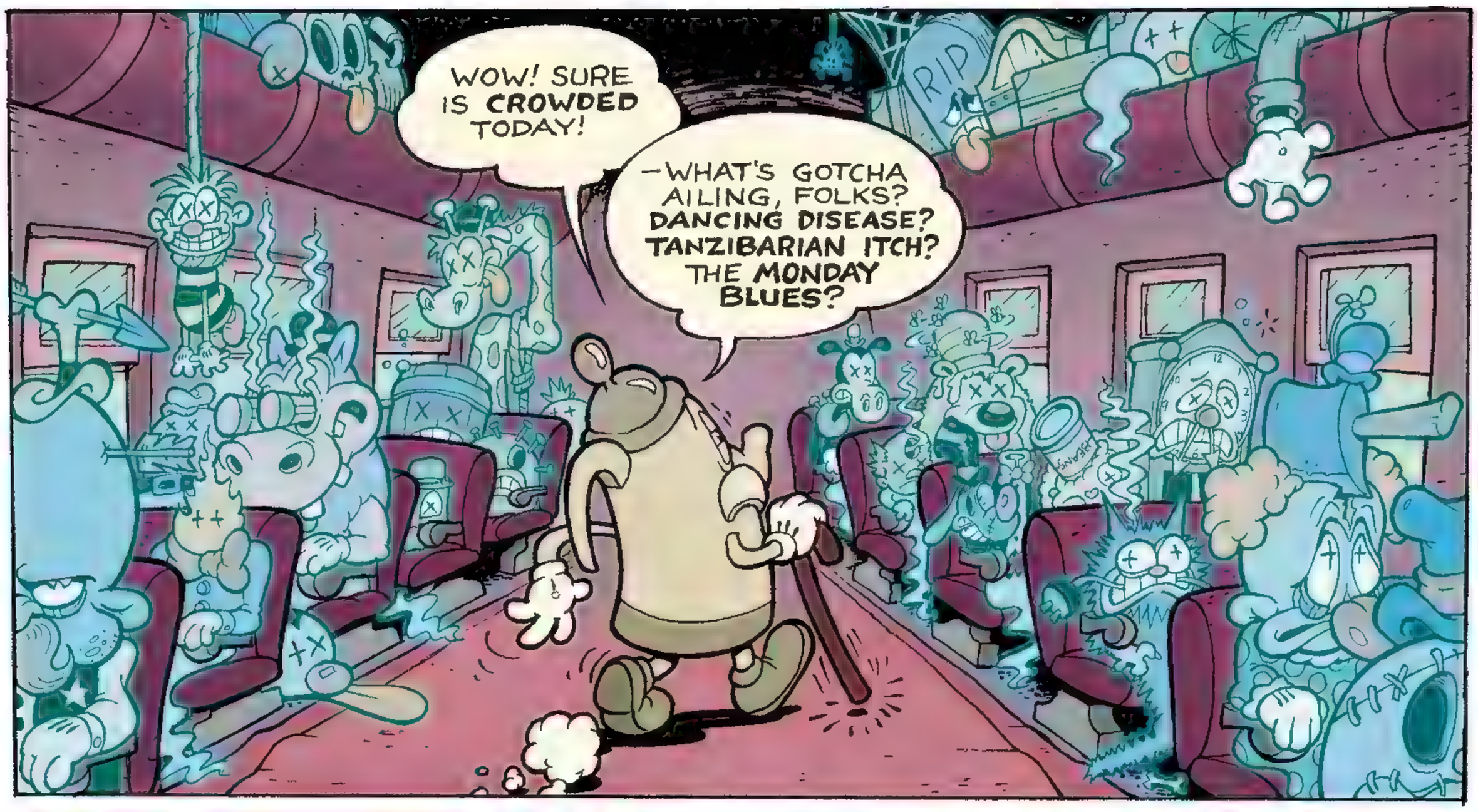
PHANTOM EXPRESS

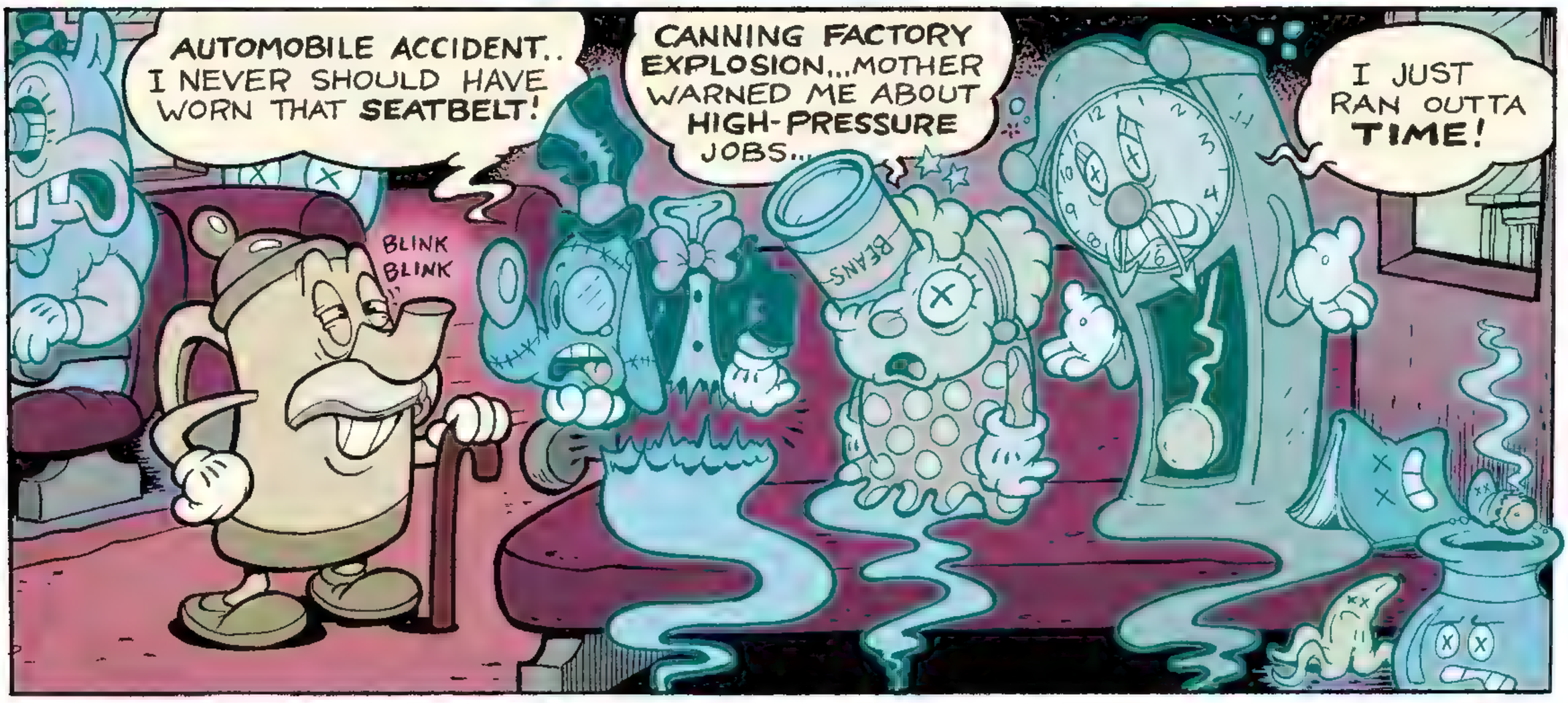
GET ON! WE GOTTA **SCHEDULE** TO KEEP!

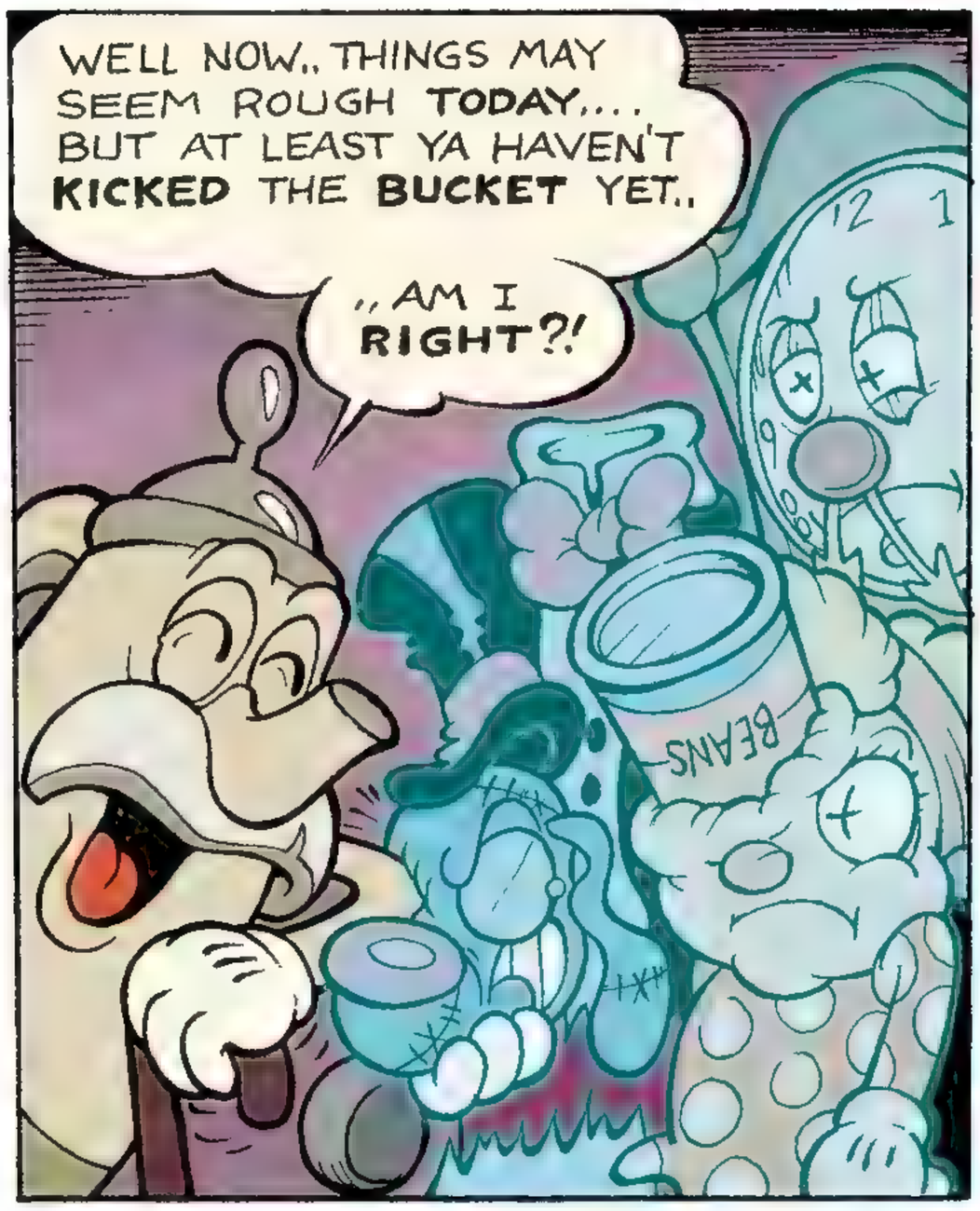
STATIC

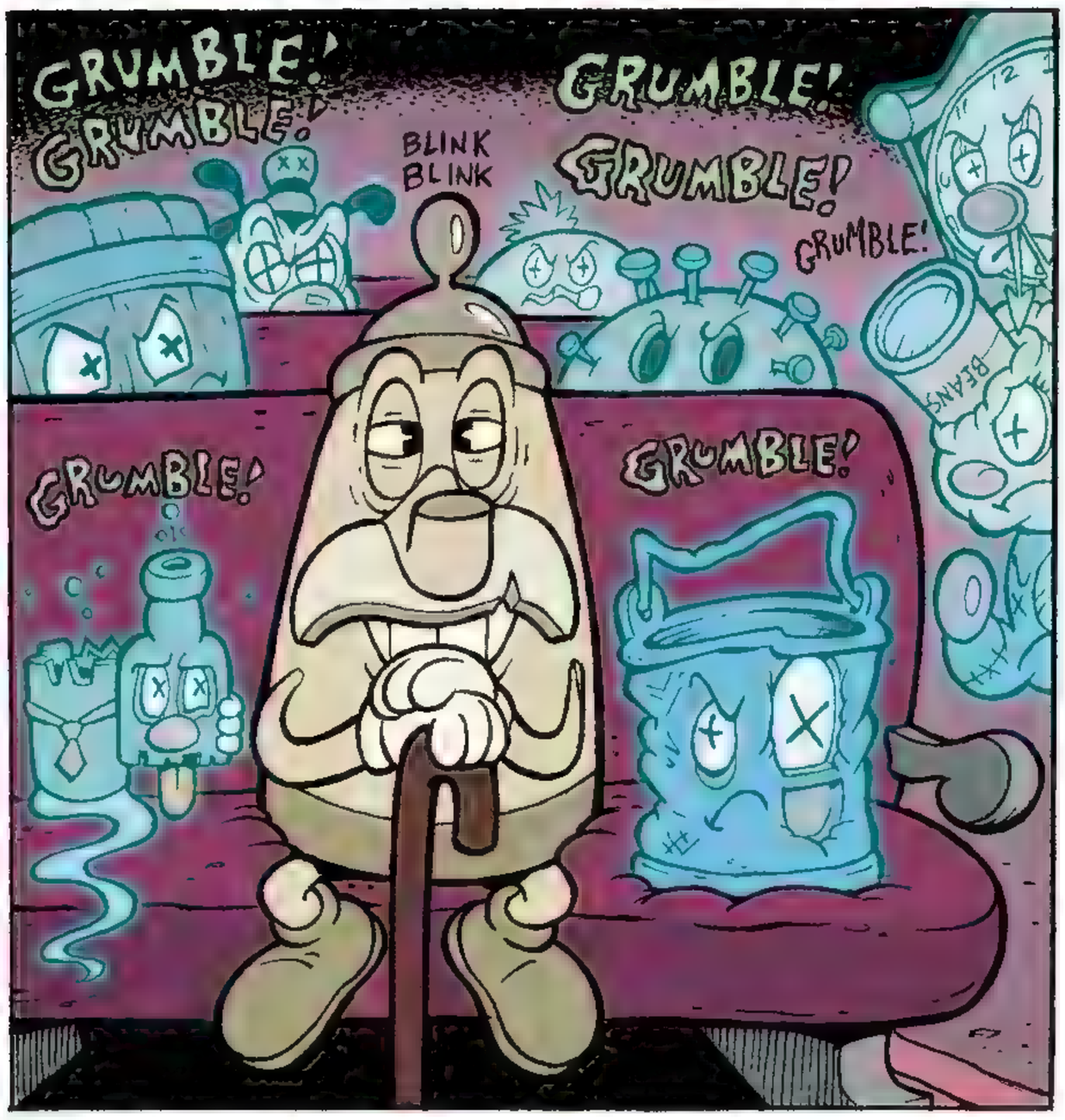
TAP TAP TAP

THIS LOOKS LIKE THE RIGHT ONE!


WOW! SURE IS CROWDED TODAY!
—WHAT'S GOTCHA AILING, FOLKS? DANCING DISEASE? TANZIBARIAN ITCH? THE MONDAY BLUES?
RIP


AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT.. I NEVER SHOULD HAVE WORN THAT SEATBELT!
BLINK BLINK
CANNING FACTORY EXPLOSION...MOTHER WARNED ME ABOUT HIGH-PRESSURE JOBS...
BEANS
I JUST RAN OUTTA TIME!


WELL NOW.. THINGS MAY SEEM ROUGH TODAY.... BUT AT LEAST YA HAVEN'T KICKED THE BUCKET YET..
..AM I RIGHT?!
BEANS


GRUMBLE!
GRUMBLE!
BLINK BLINK
GRUMBLE!
GRUMBLE!
GRUMBLE!
GRUMBLE!
BEANS

SUCH A SHAME TO BE **BLIND**... I'M MISSING A BEAUTIFUL DAY!..

..I CAN FEEL JUST HOW **WARM** IT IS!

TAP TAP

MORNING, GENTS!

RAAAA SCRE EEECH! EEEEEEEE!

SORRY I CAN'T JOIN YOUR **DANCE PARTY**! ..IF I **SHIMMY** AND **SHAKE**, I JUST MIGHT **BREAK**!

AAAAA SCREEECH!

BOOST STOP

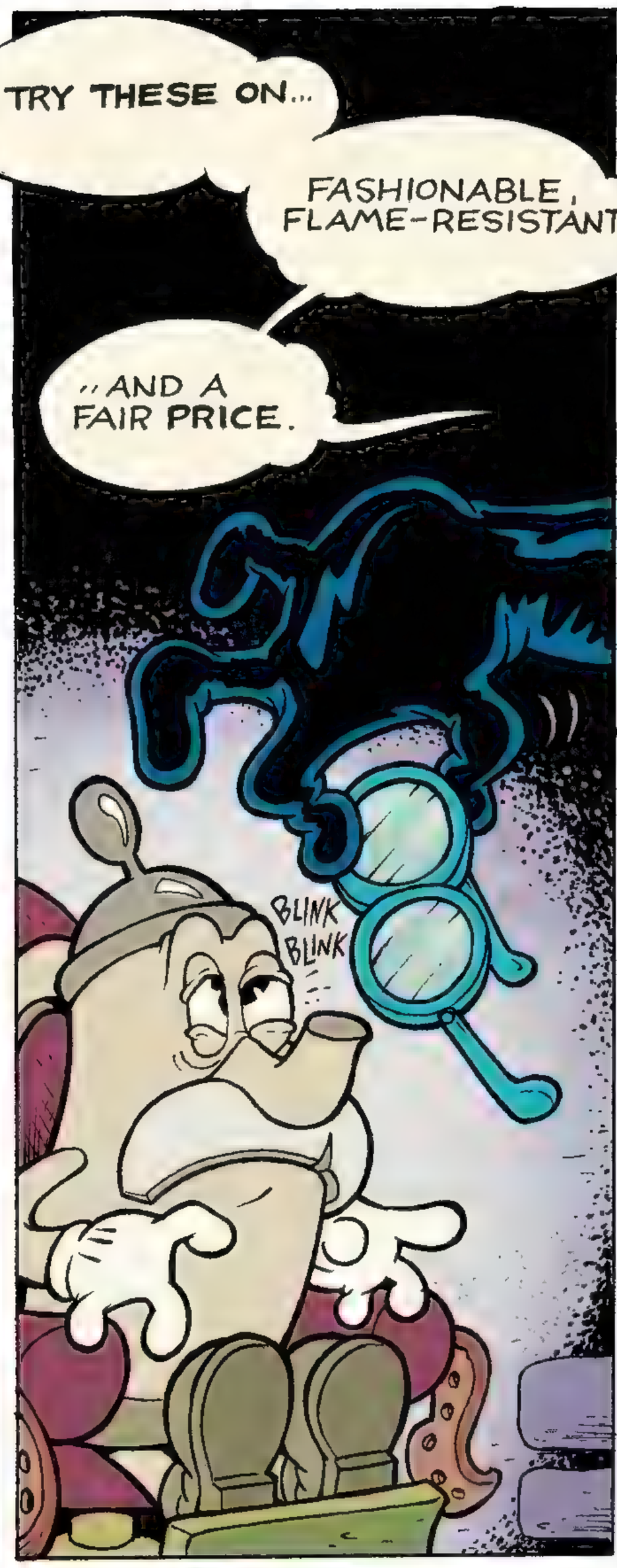
I LIKE YOUR **CAP**.

THE SPECTRAL SPECTACLER

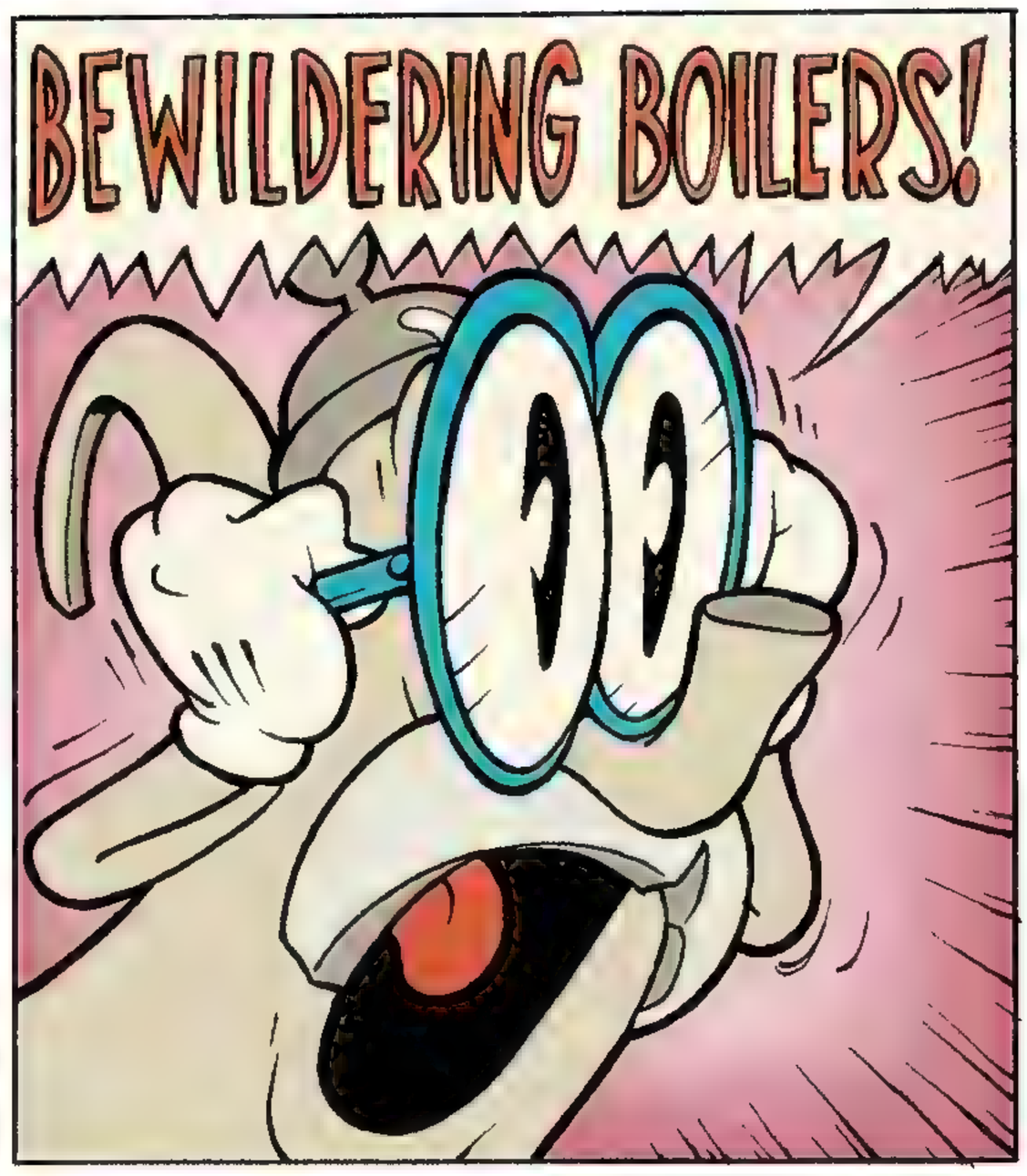
THIS FEELS LIKE THE PLACE!

TAP TAP

THANKS FOR SEEING ME ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE, DOC...PROBLEM IS, I CAN'T SEE YOU!


TRY THESE ON...
FASHIONABLE, FLAME-RESISTANT..
..AND A FAIR PRICE.
BLINK BLINK

HOTSY TOTSY! I SIMPLY CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS ANOTHER DAY'S PAPER...
..ONE MUST STAY CURRENT, YOU KNOW!


BEWILDERING BOILERS!

LIKE WHAT YOU SEE?!! ..OR SHOULD I POP OUT YOUR EYES FOR A CLOSER LOOK??

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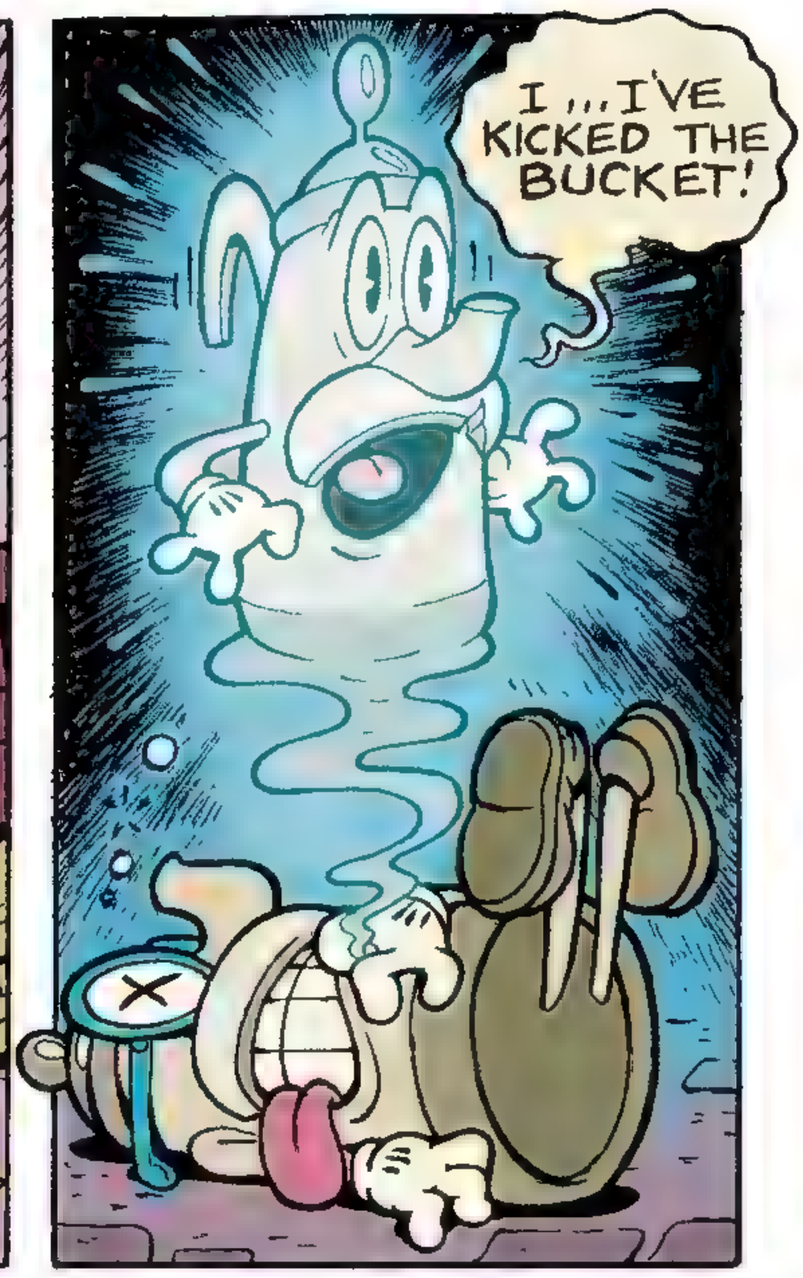


..WE ARE BUT THE FIRST OF AN ETERNITY OF HORRORS TO BEHOLD!
SLAM
HEY! YOU CAN'T DIE HERE!
YOU DIDN'T BUY A TICKET!
WHOMP!
GASP
THUMP!
..ONE WAY TRIP BACK TO THE LAND OF THE LIVING FOR YOU!
GLADLY!
THANKS FOR THE SPECS, DOC!
—BUT NOW I WISH THERE WERE THINGS I COULD UNSEE!

CUPHEAD IN "TEMPEST TANTRUM!"

WHAT A DAY!

..LOOK AT ALL THESE FLUFFY **CLOUDS!**

"RIPE FOR BUZZIN'!"

BRRRR

BRRRR

BRRRR

ZZZZZZZ

ZZ

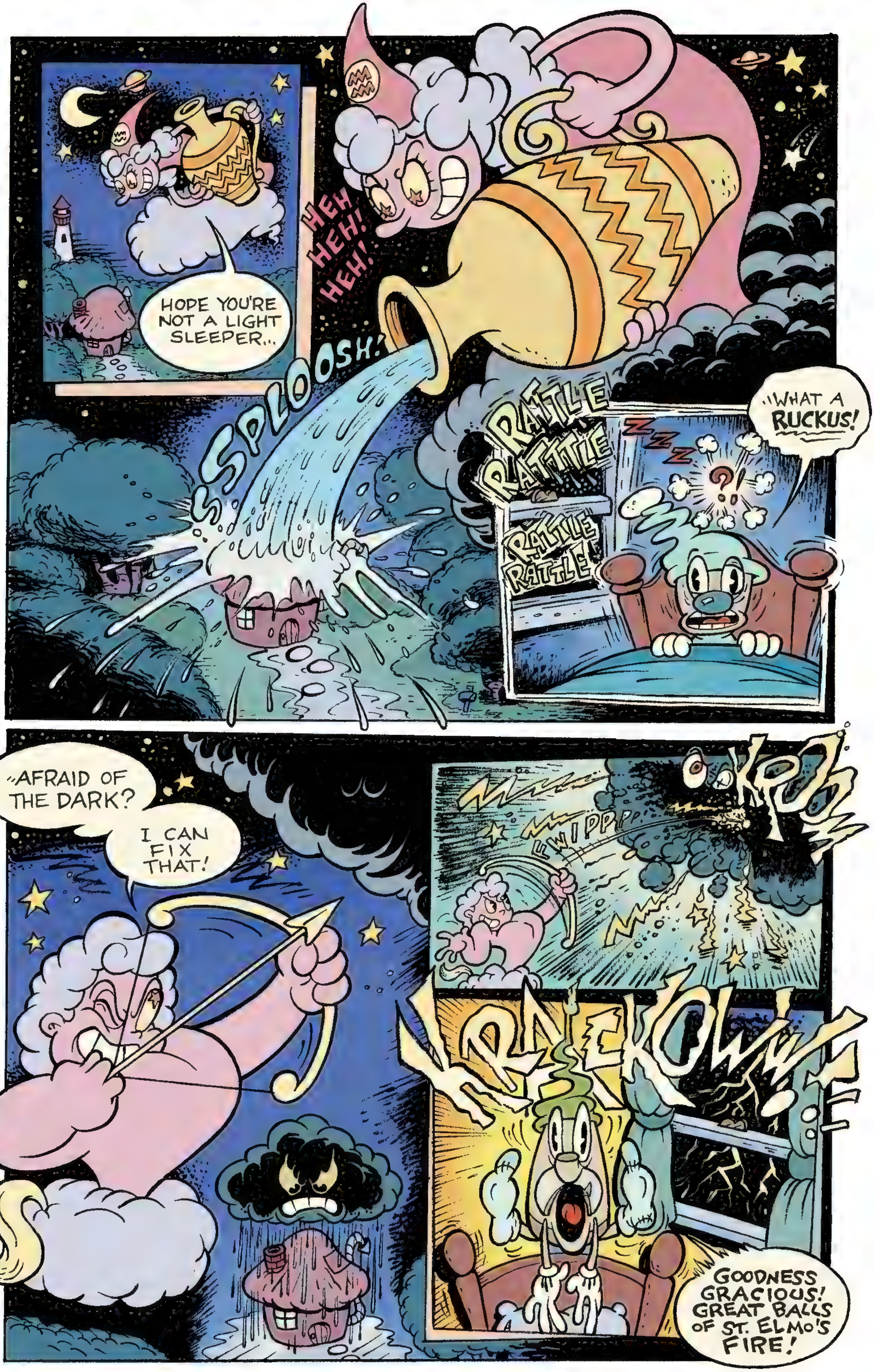
BZZZZZZZZZZZ

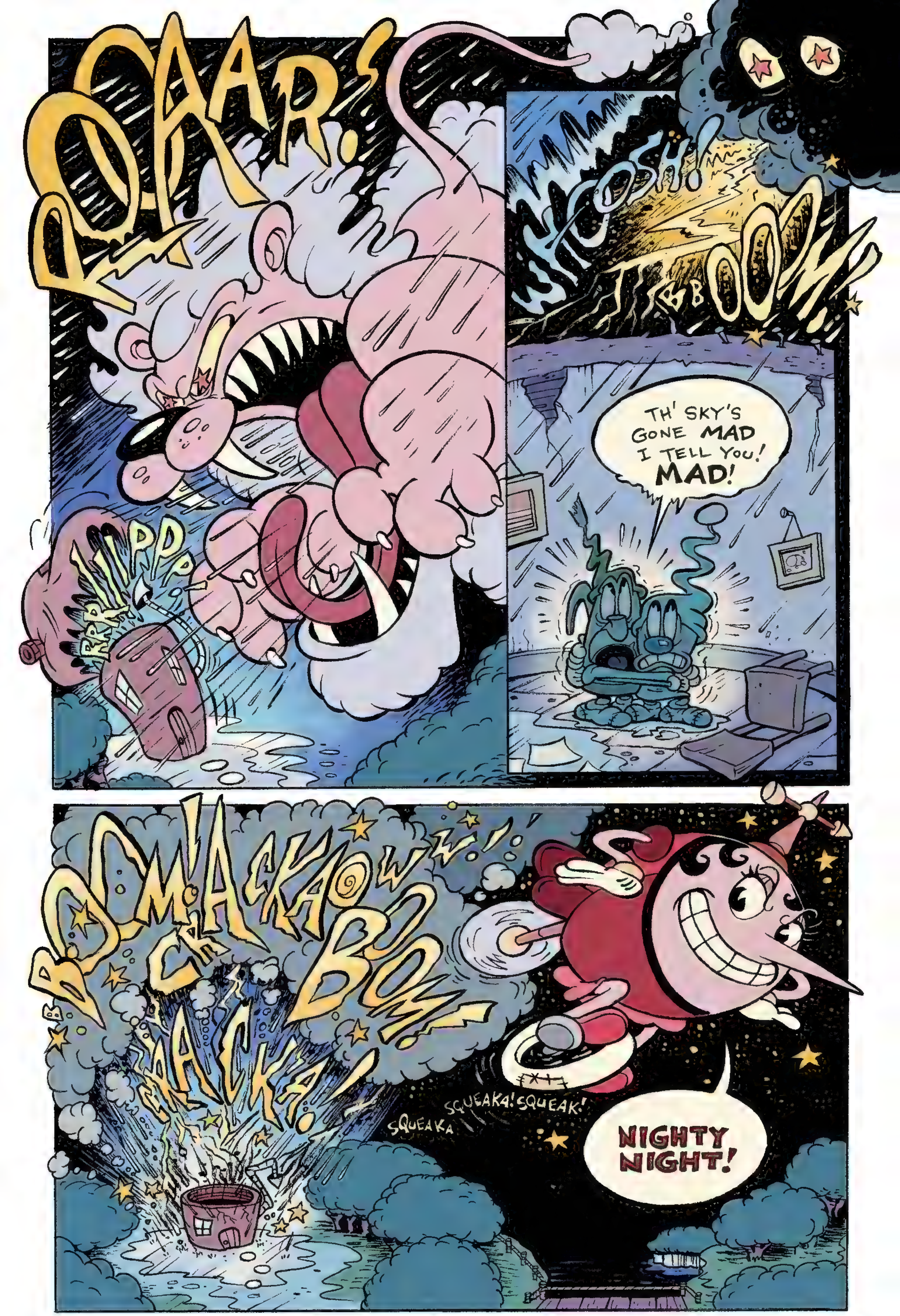
SOME PEOPLE **SLEEP** DURING THE DAY, YOU **JERK!**

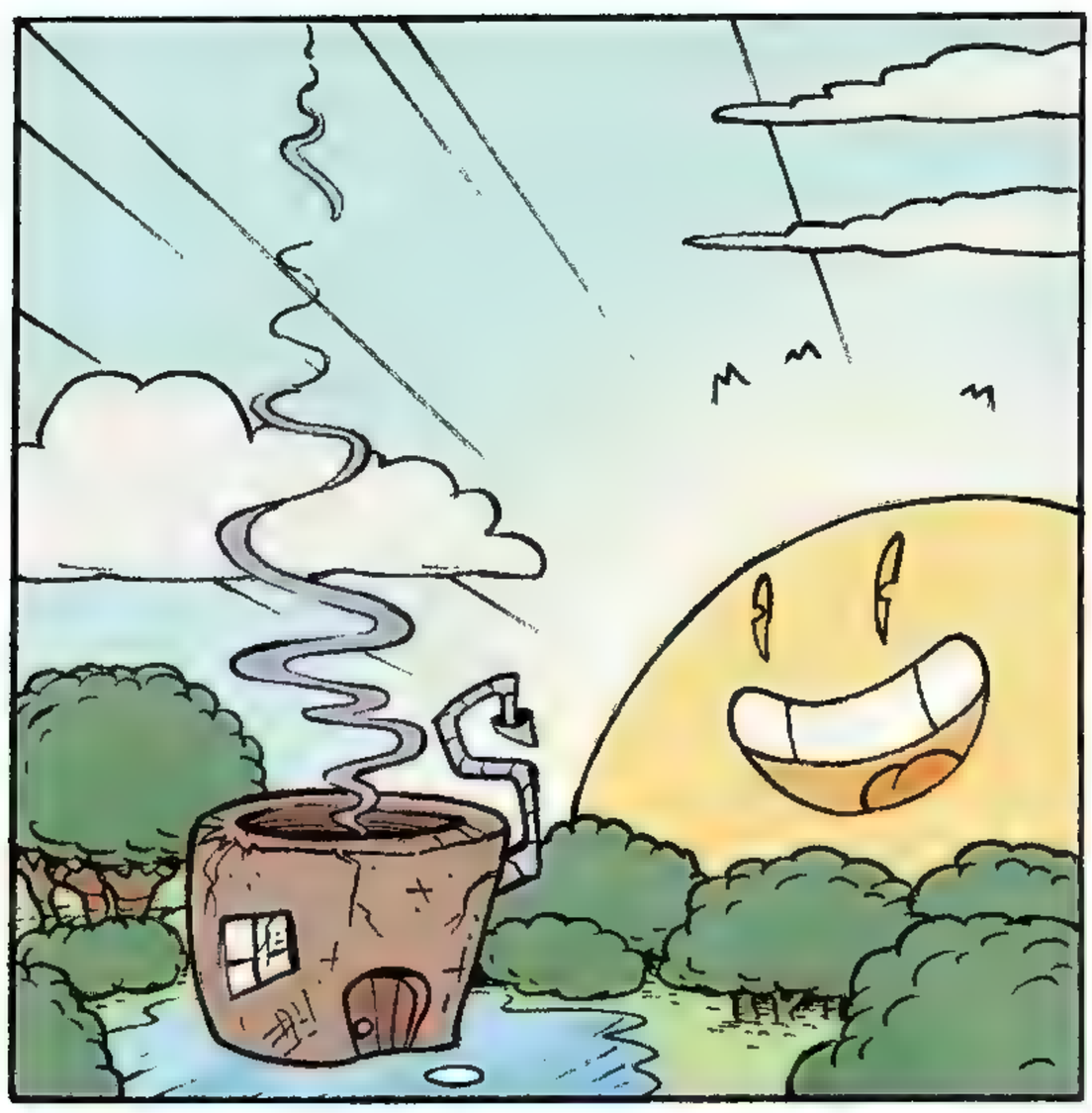
NNNNNN

..LET'S SEE HOW **HE** LIKES BEING AWAKENED... ..**RUDELY!!**..

'NIGHT, MUGMAN.. 'NIGHT, ELDER KETTLE.
G'NIGHT, CUPHEAD.
GOOD LUCK CATCHING THOSE PESKY Z's..THE OLDER I GET, THE PESKIER THEY ARE.
WHAT A SKY-HIGH DAY!
...BUT, BOY, AM I READY FOR SOME WINKS!
PLOP!
BONK!
COMICS
ZZZZZZ
SWEET DREAMS! HEH! HEH! HEH!
SQUEAKA
SQUEAKA
SQUEAK

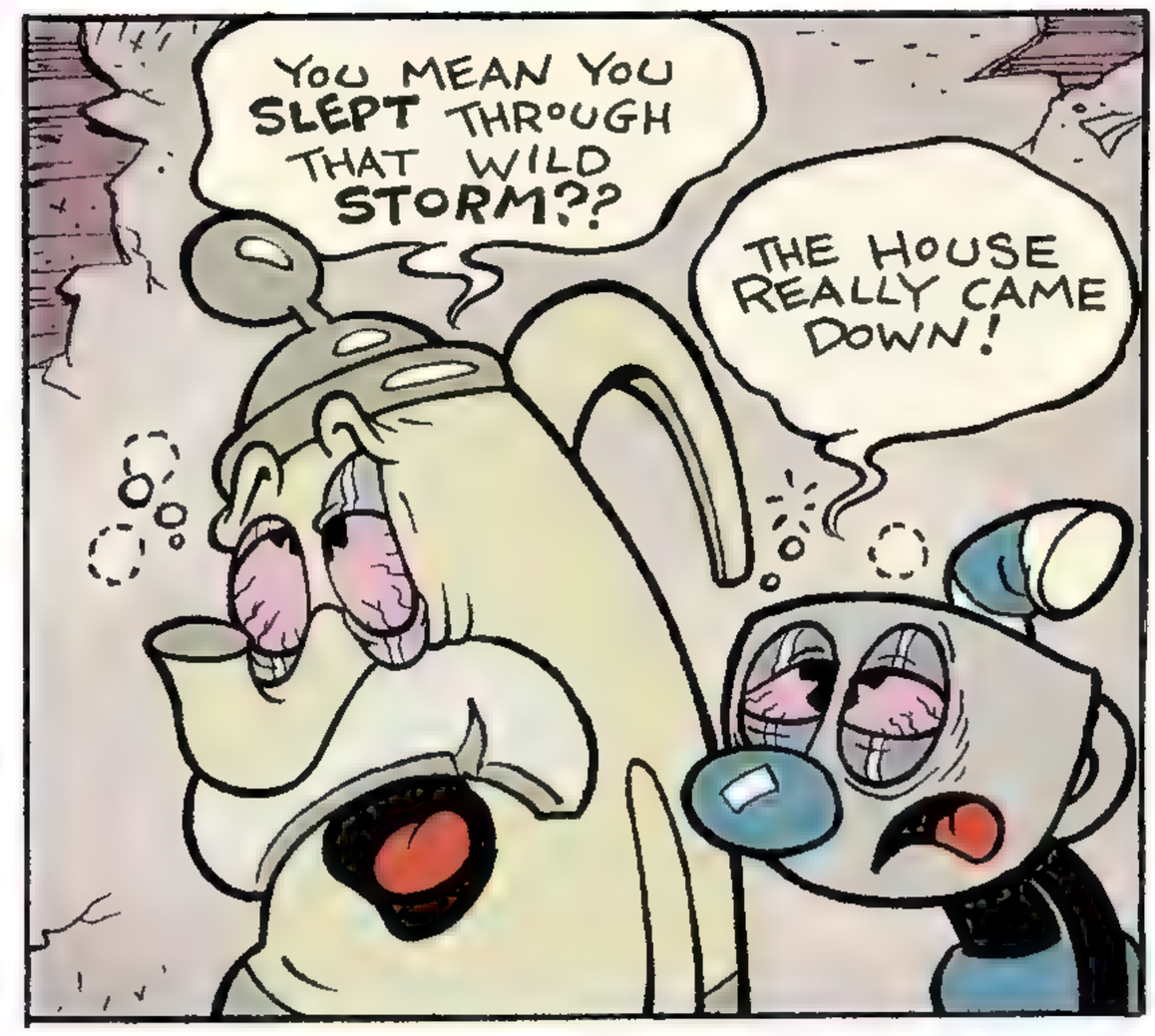

HOPE YOU'RE NOT A LIGHT SLEEPER...
HEH HEH! HEH!
SSPLOOSH!
RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE RATTLE
ZZZ
?!
"WHAT A RUCKUS!
"AFRAID OF THE DARK?
I CAN FIX THAT!
WIPPPP!
POW
SMASH!
GOODNESS GRACIOUS! GREAT BALLS OF ST. ELMO'S FIRE!


ROAR!
RRRIPPP
SHOOSH!
BOOM!
TH' SKY'S GONE MAD I TELL YOU! MAD!
ACKAOW!
CRACK!
SQUEAKA
SQUEAKA! SQUEAK!
NIGHTY NIGHT!



YAAWWN..
WHAT A NIGHT! I DIDN'T CATCH A SINGLE WINK..

REALLY? I CAUGHT SO MANY I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THEM ALL!


YOU MEAN YOU SLEPT THROUGH THAT WILD STORM??
THE HOUSE REALLY CAME DOWN!

PLOP!
ZZZ
ZZZ
GUESS I'M JUST A HEAVY SLEEPER...
—AND READY TO BUZZ MORE CLOUDS!
LATER, GENTS!
PLOP!
ZZZZZZZZZ
Z!

DRAWING LESSON: MS. CHALICE

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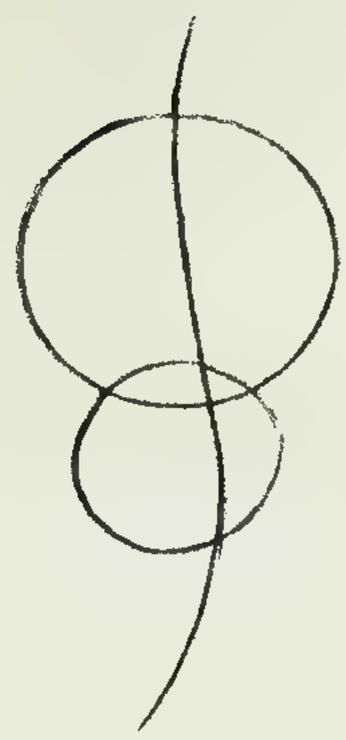

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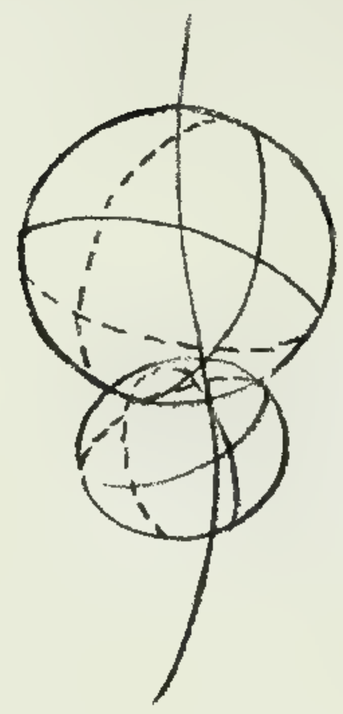

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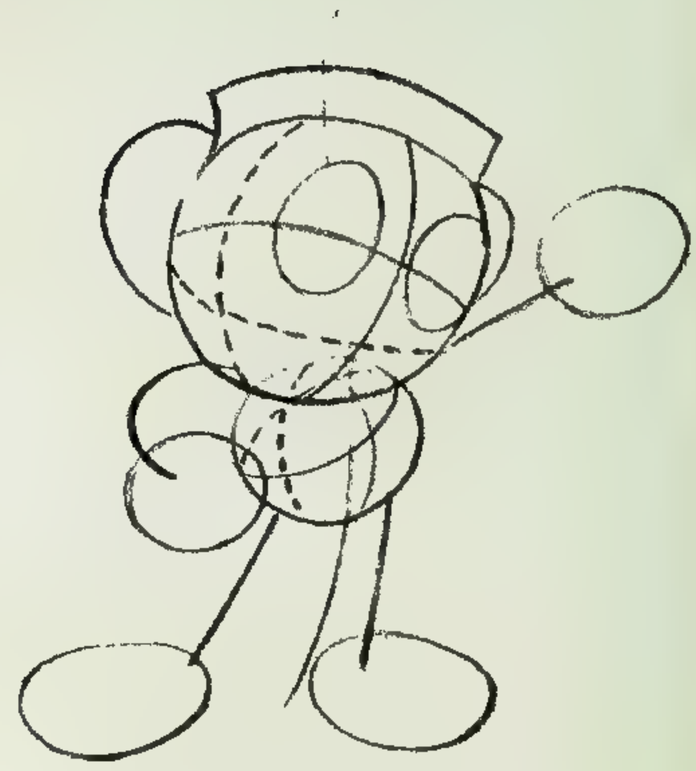

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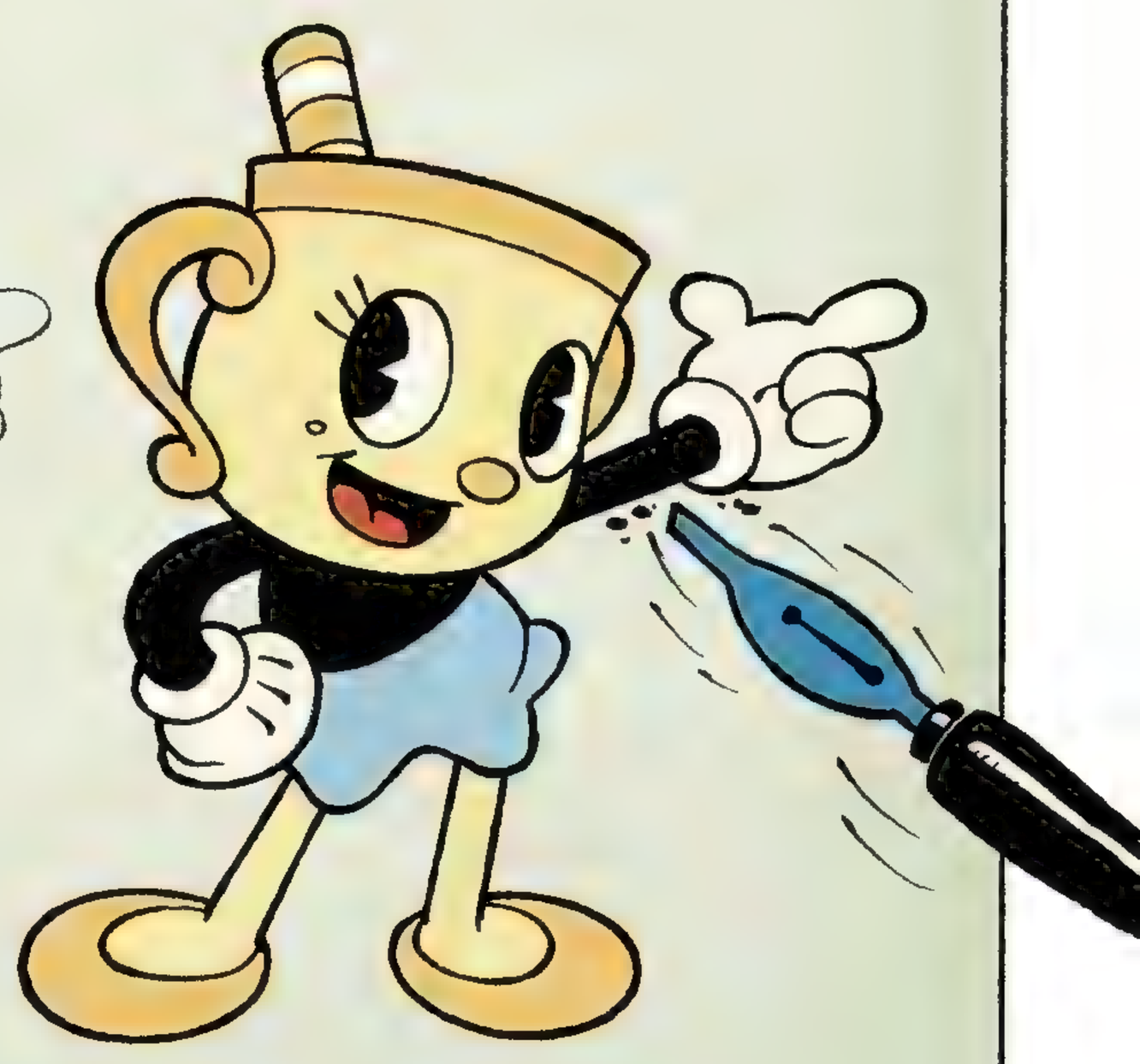
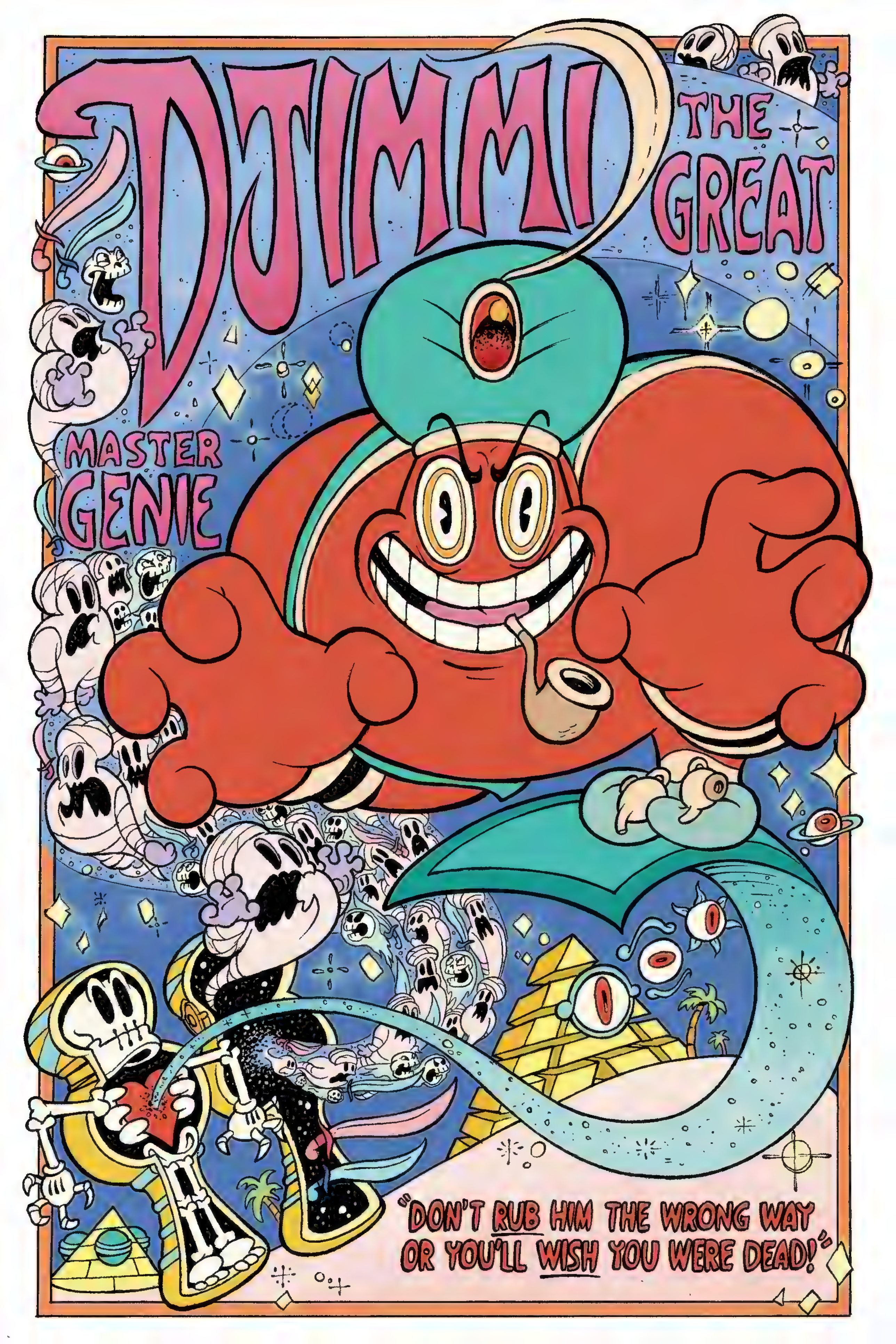


STEP 6.

• PUT PEN TO PAPER AND IMBUE INK WITH ARTISTIC LIFE!


JIMMI
THE GREAT
MASTER GENIE
"DON'T RUB HIM THE WRONG WAY OR YOU'LL WISH YOU WERE DEAD!"

THE WHOLE GANG IN "HOLIDAY HAYMAKER!"

C'MON, FOLKS! JIG! JIG, I SAY! THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WILL WARM YOUR BONES!

CUPHEAD
MUGMAN
ELDER KETTLE
SHIVER SHIVER
CHATTER CHATTER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER

I THINK WE NEED SOME ACTUAL **HEAT** TO WARM UP!

C-C-CAN'T WE THROW ANOTHER LOG OR TWELVE ON THE FIRE??

FEAR NOT! I SHALL BRAVE THE FRIGID UNKNOWN IN SEARCH OF MORE FIREWOOD!

!!

SHIVERRR

TUMBLE!

SNOW CAN DO, FOLKS!

SNORT!

BOINK!

BOINK!

HAW! HAW! HAW! HAW!

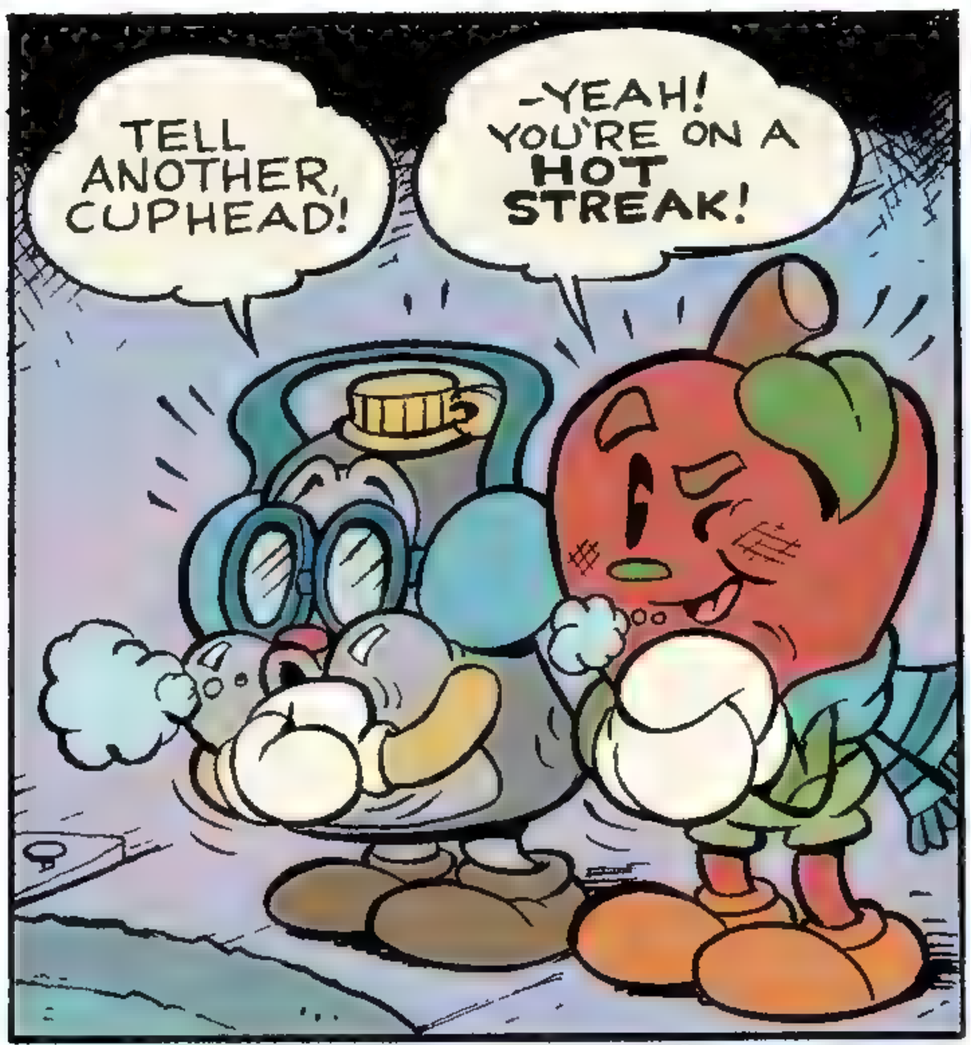
FOOMM

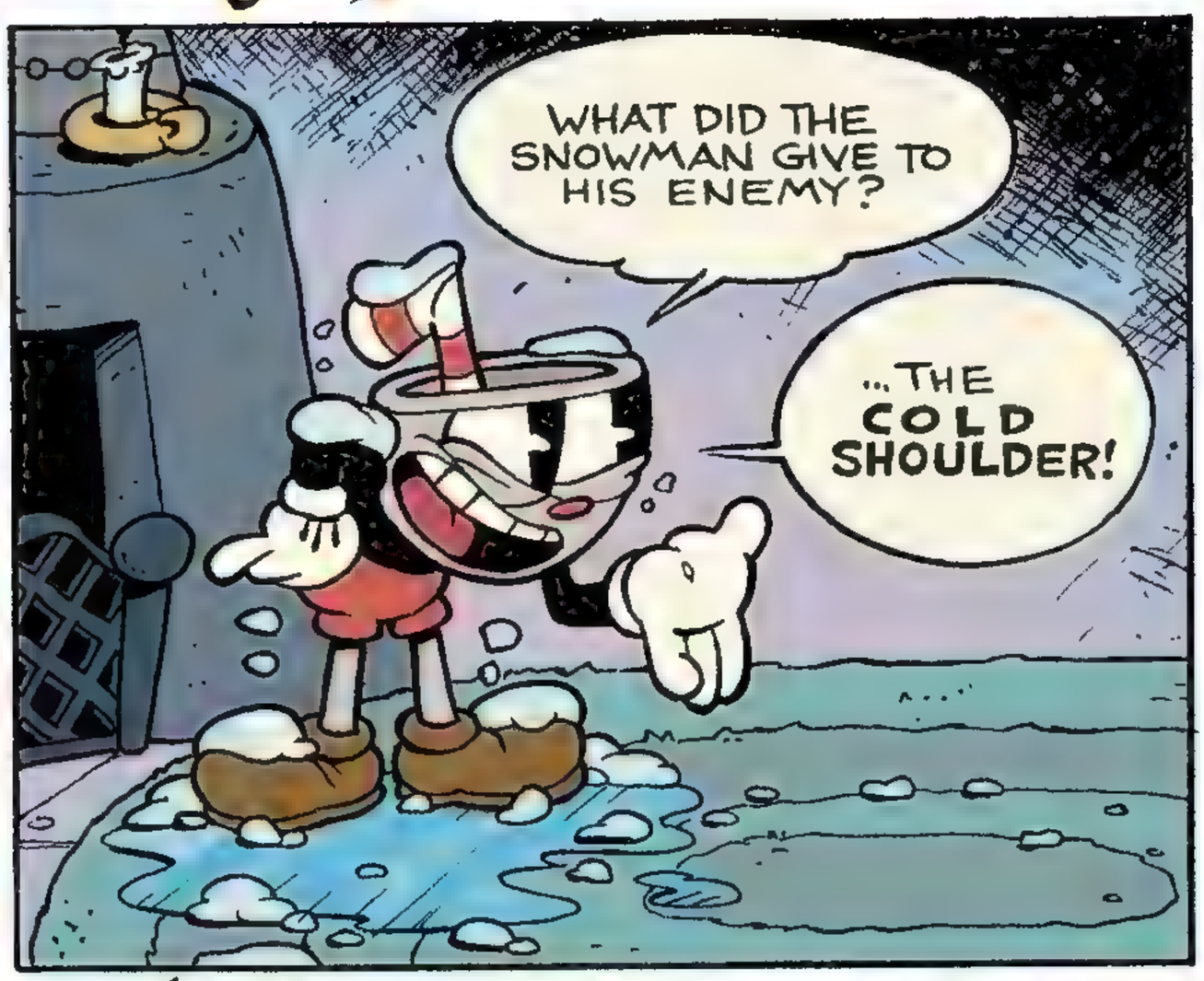
G-G-G-G GOOD ONE!

WELL, WHADDAYA KNOW...

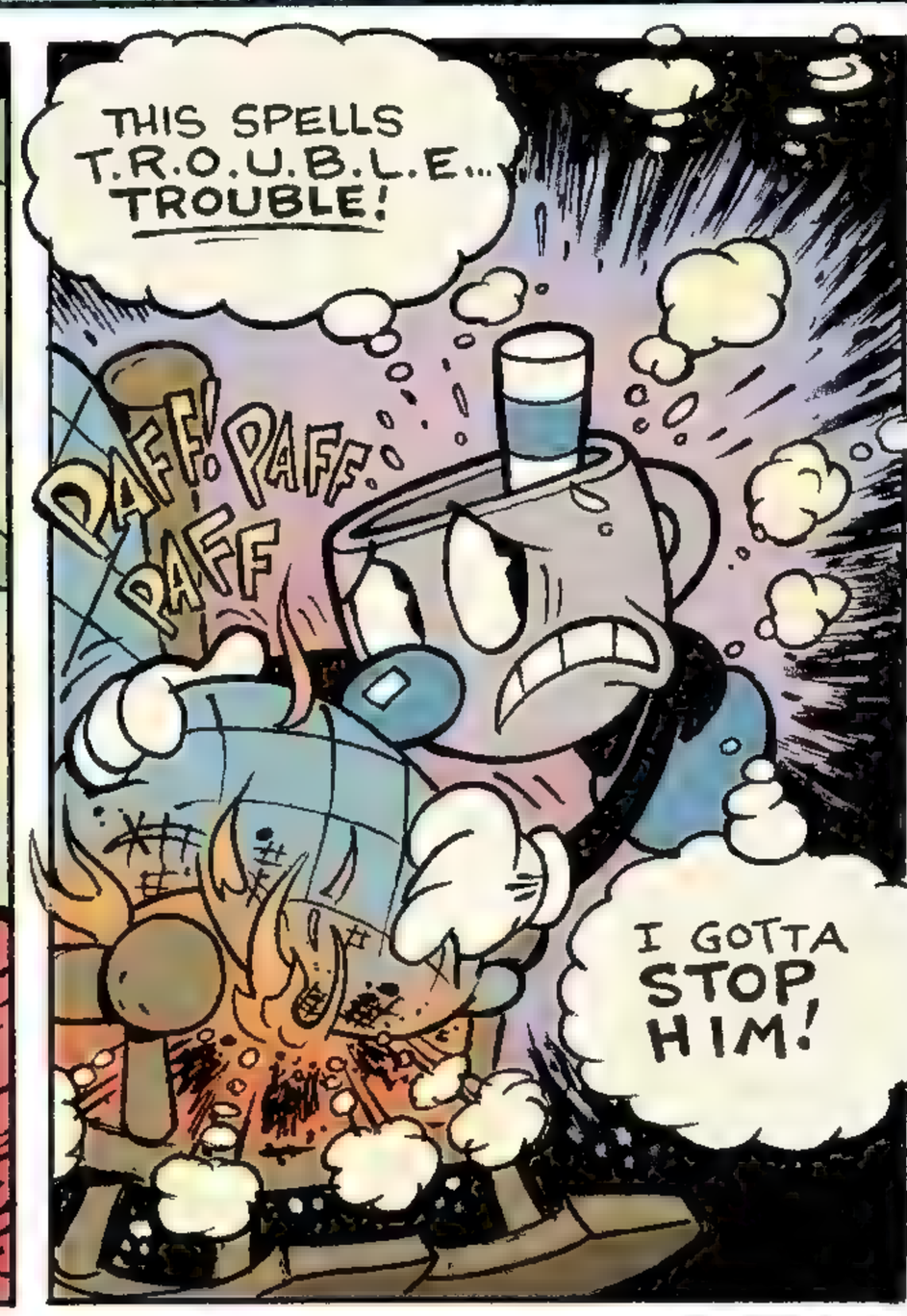
Y'KNOW, THIS REMINDS ME OF A JOKE....
..WHAT DO YOU CALL TWO SNOWFLAKES ON A DATE?
...LOVE AT FROST SIGHT!

HAW! HAW! HAW!
SHHH


TELL ANOTHER, CUPHEAD!
-YEAH! YOU'RE ON A HOT STREAK!


WHAT DID THE SNOWMAN GIVE TO HIS ENEMY?
...THE COLD SHOULDER!

WATCH IT!!!
HAW HAW HAW HAW!
SSSHH


THIS SPELLS T.R.O.U.B.L.E... TROUBLE!
PAFF! PAFF! PAFF
I GOTTA STOP HIM!

HERE'S THE BEST ONE YET!... WHY DID THE REINDEER GO TO THE MECHANIC?...

--HEYYY, FOLKS! HOWABOUT SOME TASTY TOASTY COCOA TO WARM OUR BELLIES??!

SLIPPA! SLIPPA! SLIPPA!

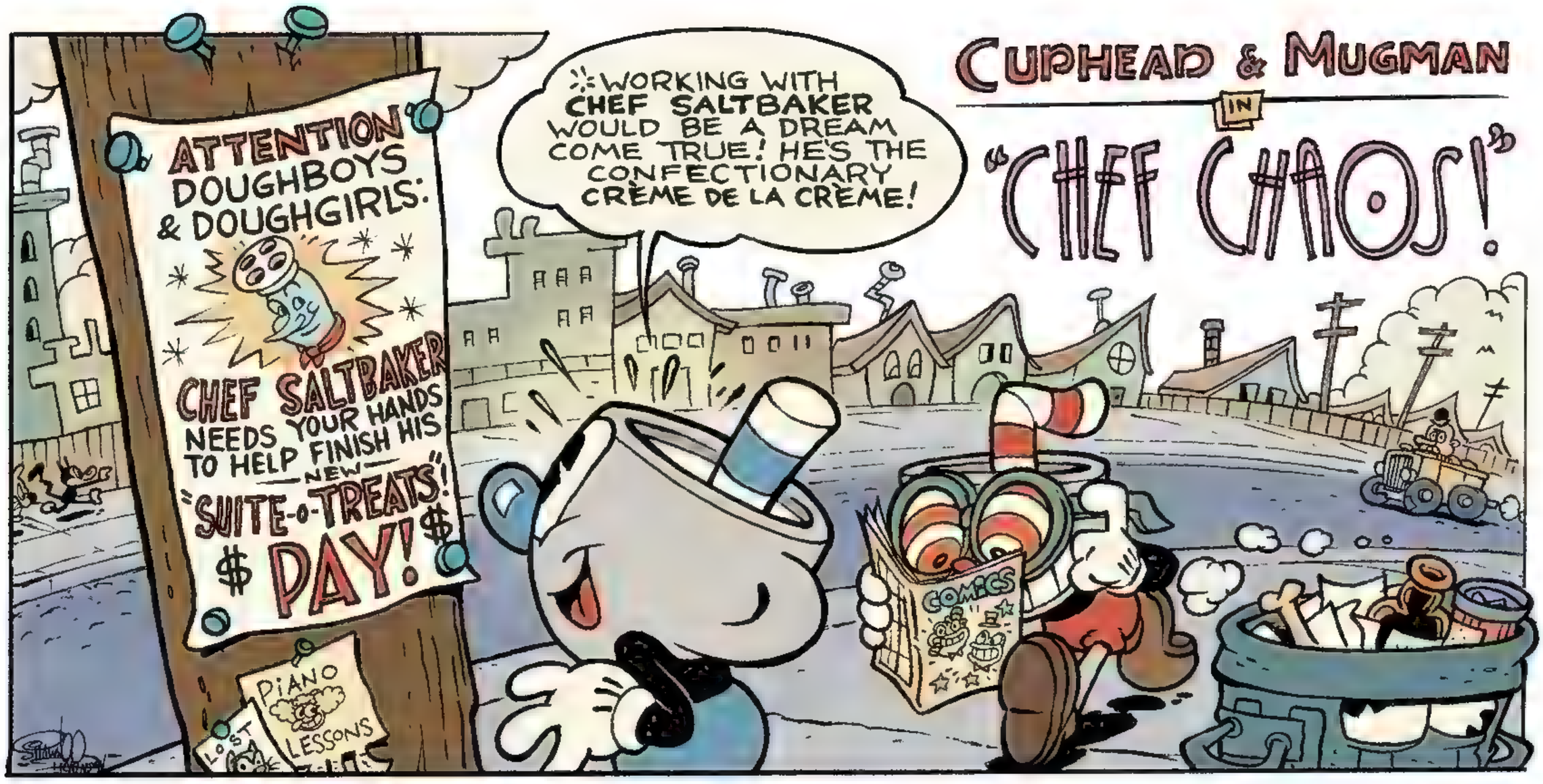
YIKES!

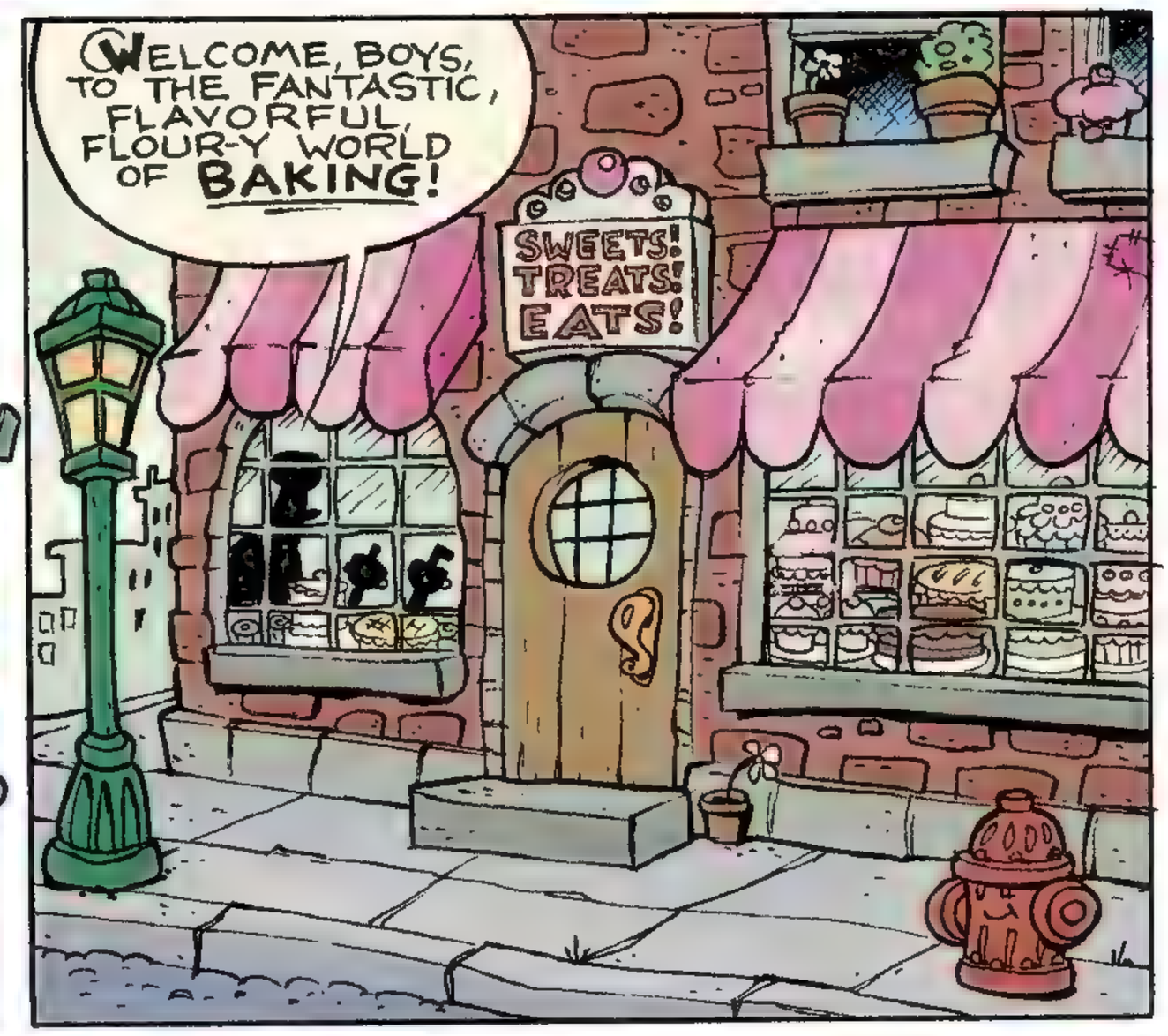
SMAT!

..UH..
..OH...

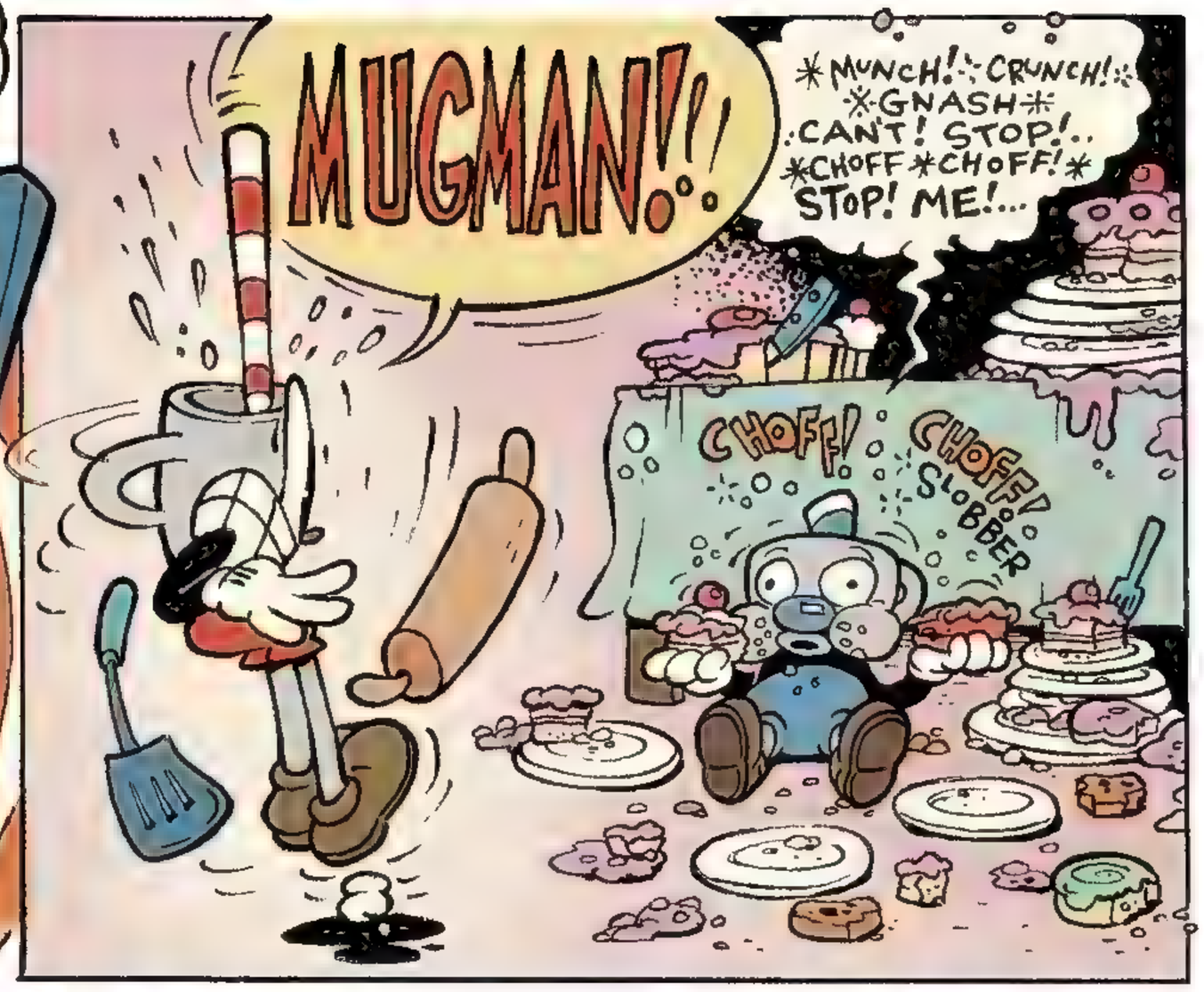
G-G-G-GOT ANY M-M-MORE OF THOSE Z-Z-Z-INGERS, C-C-CUPHEAD??
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
SHIVER
CHATTER
CHATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
CHATTER
CHATTER
SHIVER
SHIVER

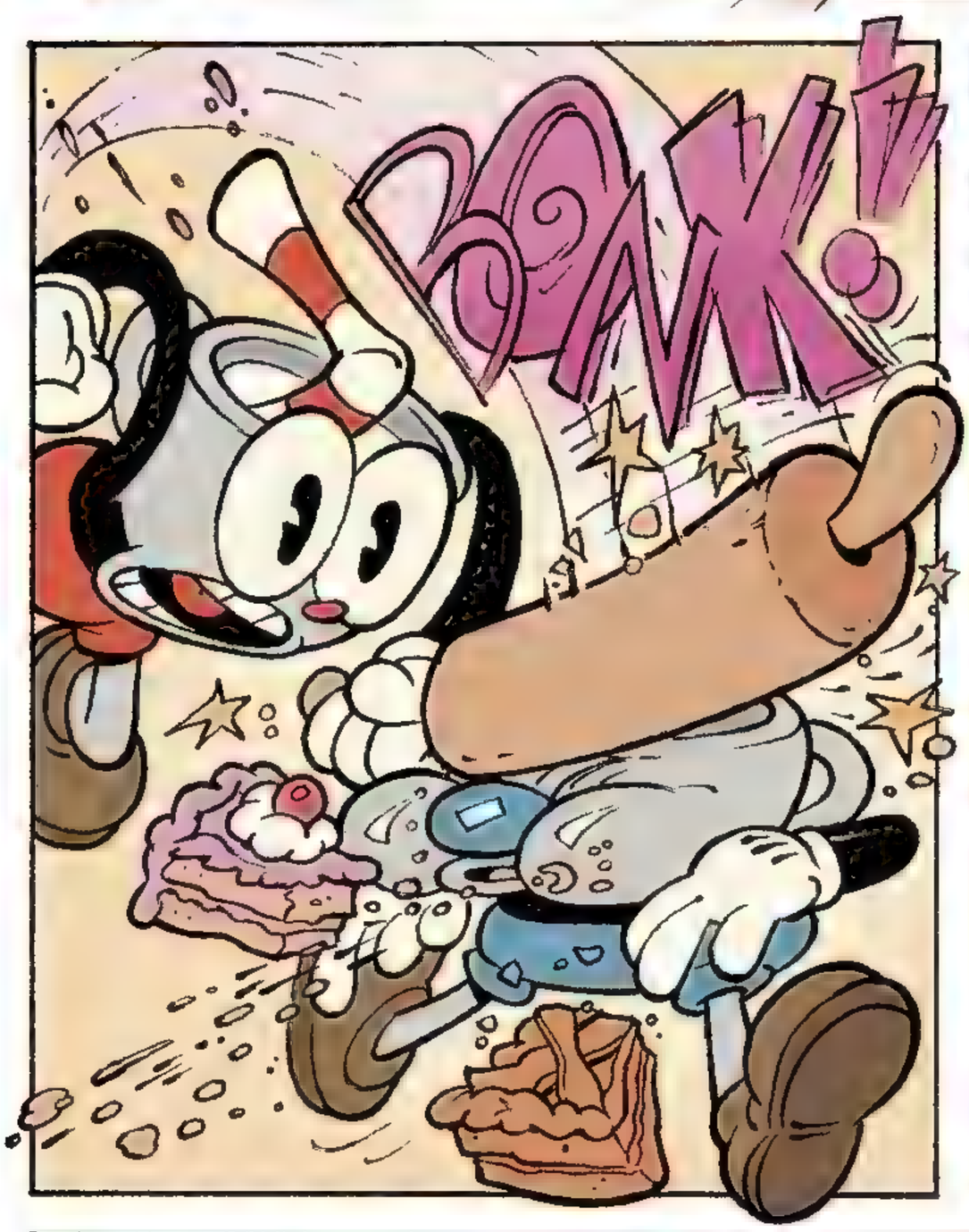
CUPHEAD & MUGMAN IN "CHEF CHAOS!"





THIS'LL BE EASY AS PIE! I CAN ALMOST FEEL THOSE Y-RAY SPECS ON MY FACE!


MUGMAN!!!
*MUNCH! CRUNCH! *GNASH* CAN'T! STOP!.. *CHOFF *CHOFF! * STOP! ME!...
CHOFF! CHOFF! SLOBBER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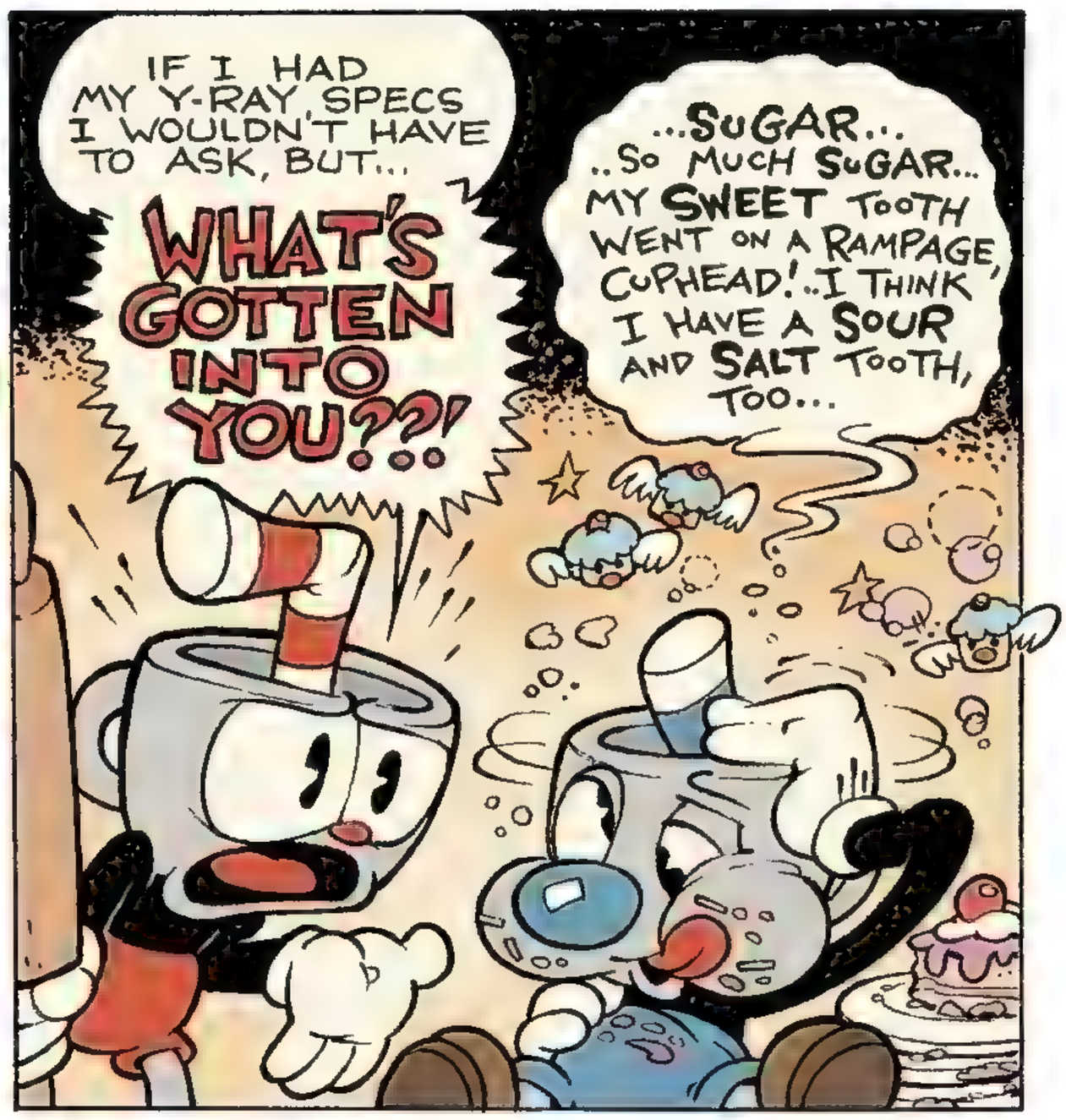
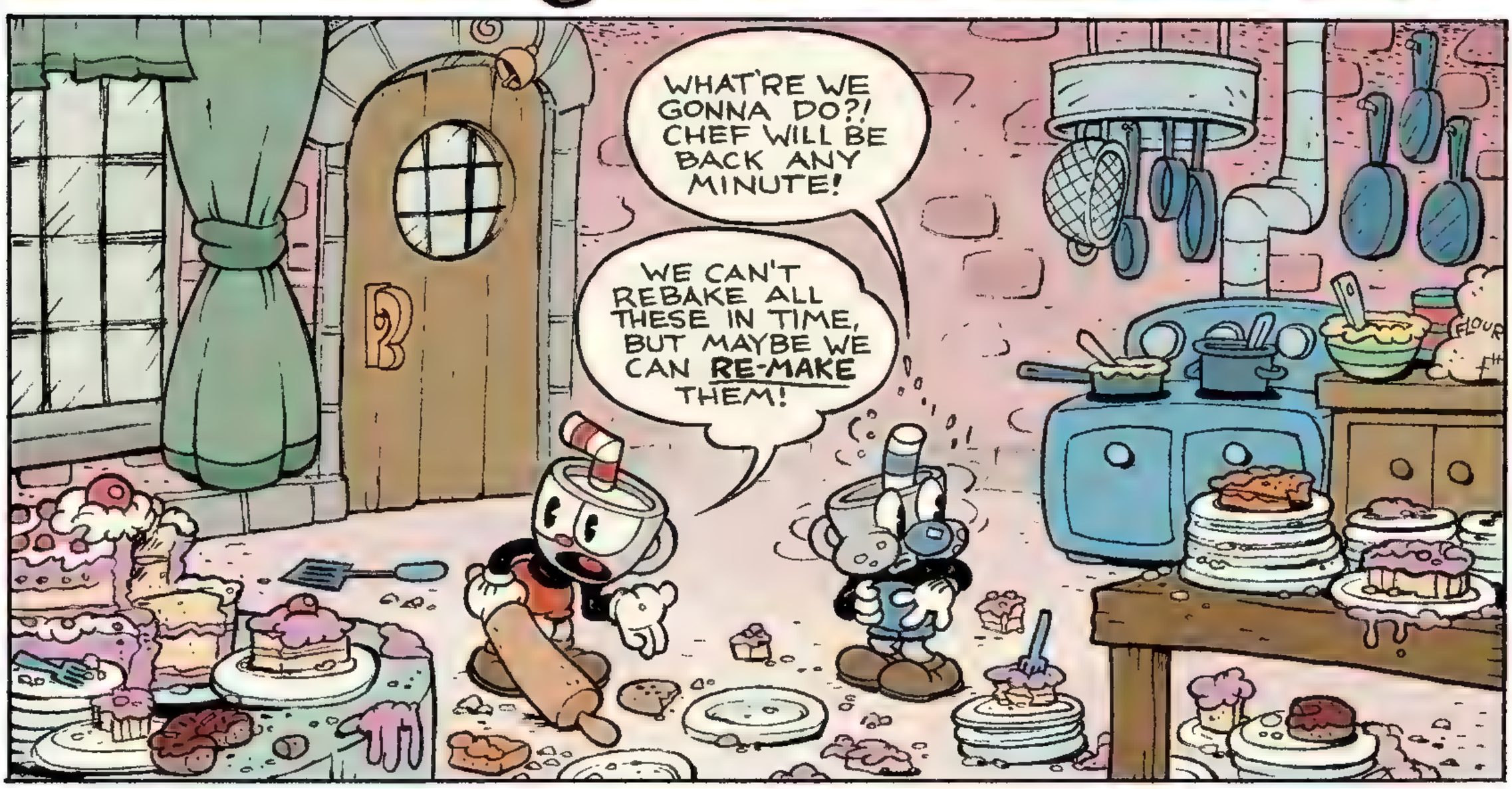
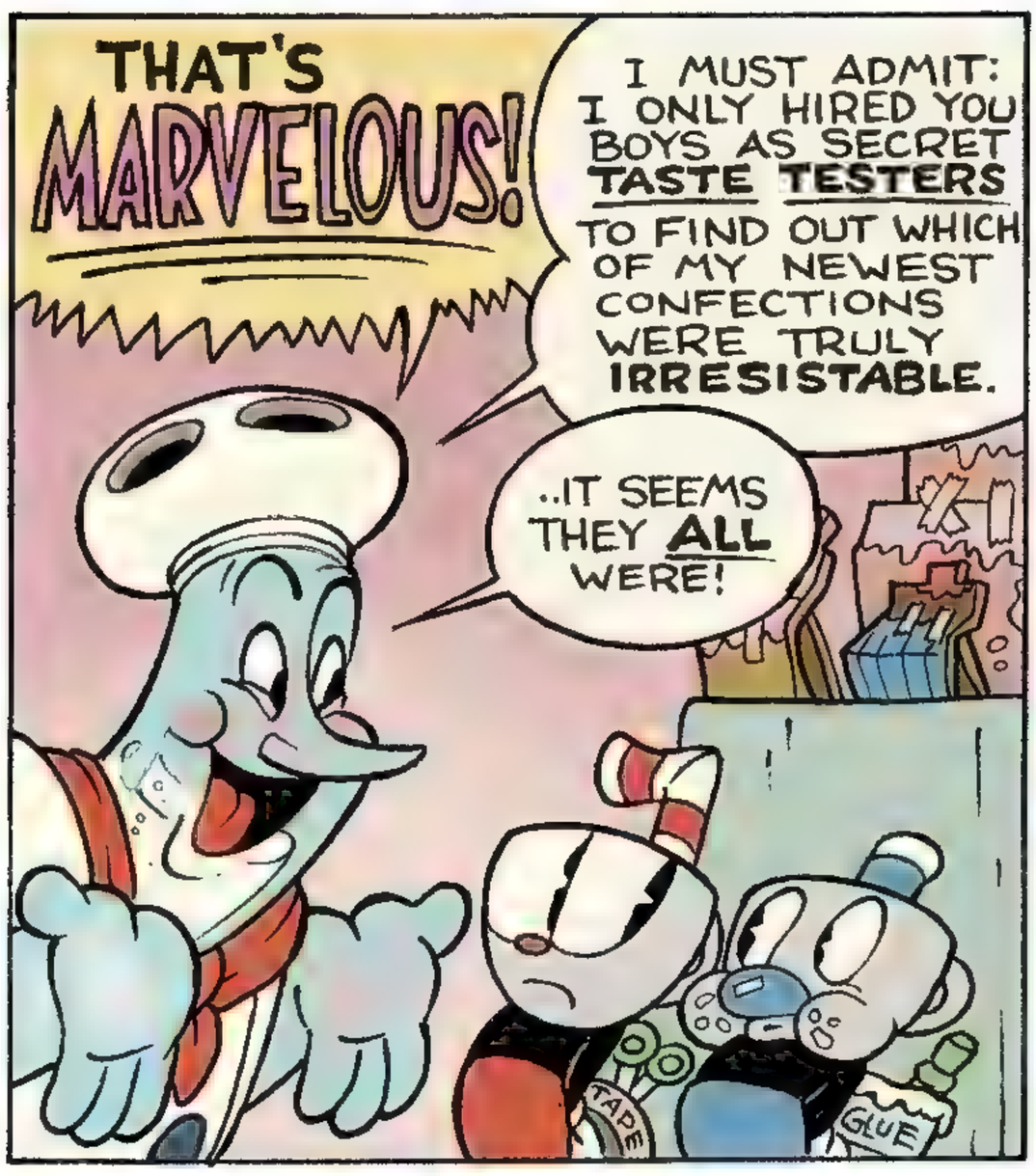

IF I HAD MY Y-RAY SPECS I WOULDN'T HAVE TO ASK, BUT...
WHAT'S GOTTEN INTO YOU???
...SUGAR... ..SO MUCH SUGAR... MY SWEET TOOTH WENT ON A RAMPAGE, CUPHEAD!..I THINK I HAVE A SOUR AND SALT TOOTH, TOO...


WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO?! CHEF WILL BE BACK ANY MINUTE!
WE CAN'T REBAKE ALL THESE IN TIME, BUT MAYBE WE CAN RE-MAKE THEM!
FLOUR

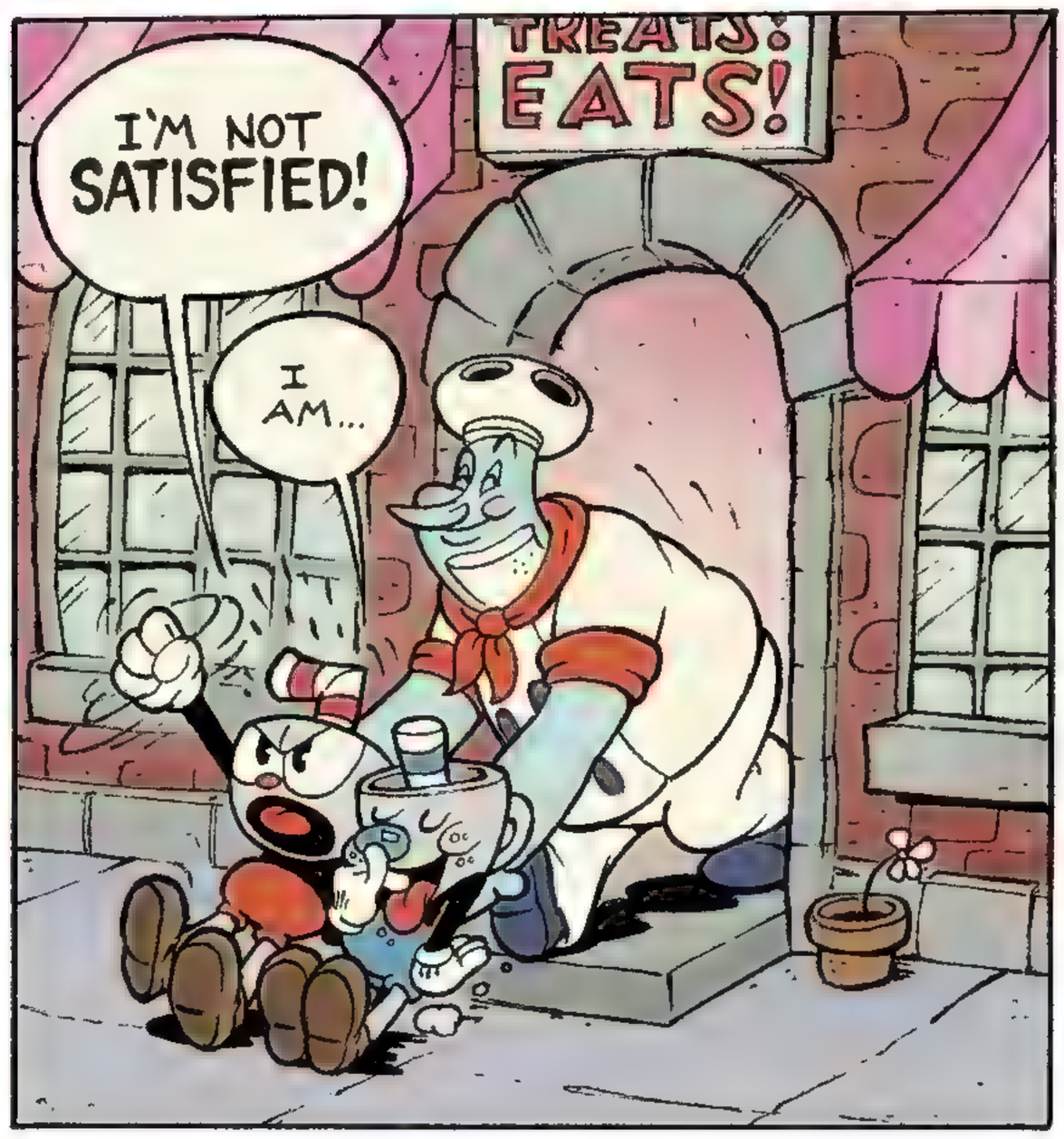
MY TREATS! WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM?!

I'M SORRY, CHEF! I COULDN'T HELP MYSELF...YOUR TREATS WERE JUST TOO TASTY!
PAINT


THAT'S MARVELOUS!
I MUST ADMIT: I ONLY HIRED YOU BOYS AS SECRET TASTE TESTERS TO FIND OUT WHICH OF MY NEWEST CONFECTIONS WERE TRULY IRRESISTABLE.
..IT SEEMS THEY ALL WERE!
TAPE
GLUE

MY "SUITE-O-TREATS" IS GOING TO BE A GUT-BUSTING SUCCESS!
..YEAH, IT IS.... UGHH...
OUR JOB'S DONE, SO... WHERES OUR PAY?

PAY? WHY, YOU ALREADY ATE IT!


I'M NOT SATISFIED!
TREATS! EATS!
I AM...

ELDER KETTLE'S "RED HOT TIPS!" #2

PEOPLE ALWAYS ASK ME "HOW DO YOU KEEP YOUR **MUSTACHE** SO NEAT N' TIDY?"

..WELL I'LL SHOW YOU!

TRIM CAREFULLY!..

CHIP CHIP CHIP CHIP

..BRUSH VIGOROUSLY!

SWEEP SWEEP SWEEP

GLUE THOROUGHLY!

GLUE

GLUE

MS. CHALICE & MUGMAN IN

"THE Maltose Fracas!"

REMEMBER TO LET GO ON THE COUNT OF THREE!

WAIT! DID YOU SEE THIS MORNING'S HEADLINE?!

ONE.. TWO..

...THREE!

TWANNGG!

YOWK!

GADZOOKS!

THE PAPER SAYS A **ROYAL HONEY COMB** WAS STOLEN FROM **BARONESS VON BON BON!**

--WHOEVER FINDS IT GETS A LIFETIME SUPPLY OF **CANDY!**

CANDY CAPER CONUNDRUM!

BITTER TIMES FOR SWEETMAKER -SUGARY SALES SOUR!

THAT COULD BE **OUR** LIFETIME SUPPLY!

"FORGET LETTING GO... **HOLD ON,** MUGMAN!

YOU'RE TELLING ME!!

NO ONE STEALS FROM THE RICH! NO ONE!

THIS THIEVERY BUSINESS HAS GOT ME TWISTED UP LIKE LICORICE — I CAN'T STOP NERVOUS-EATING!

CHOFF CRUNCH CRUNCH CHOFF MUNCH!

IT'S OKAY, BARONESS! WE'RE HERE TO HELP! JUST TELL US THE DETAILS OF THE CRIME.

--TYPICAL DAY.. CRUNCH! CRUNCH.. SLEPT IN.. CRUNCH.. TOOK BUBBLEGUM BATH.. CRUNCH... FROLICKING IN CHOCOLATE COIN TREASURY.. CRUNCH MUNCH ... CRUNCH

..BUT WHEN I WENT TO BRUSH THE COCOA POWDER FROM MY HAIR...

CRUNCH! CRUNCH! CHOFF

---MY ROYAL HONEY COMB WAS MISSING!

MUNCH MUNCH

FOUND IT!

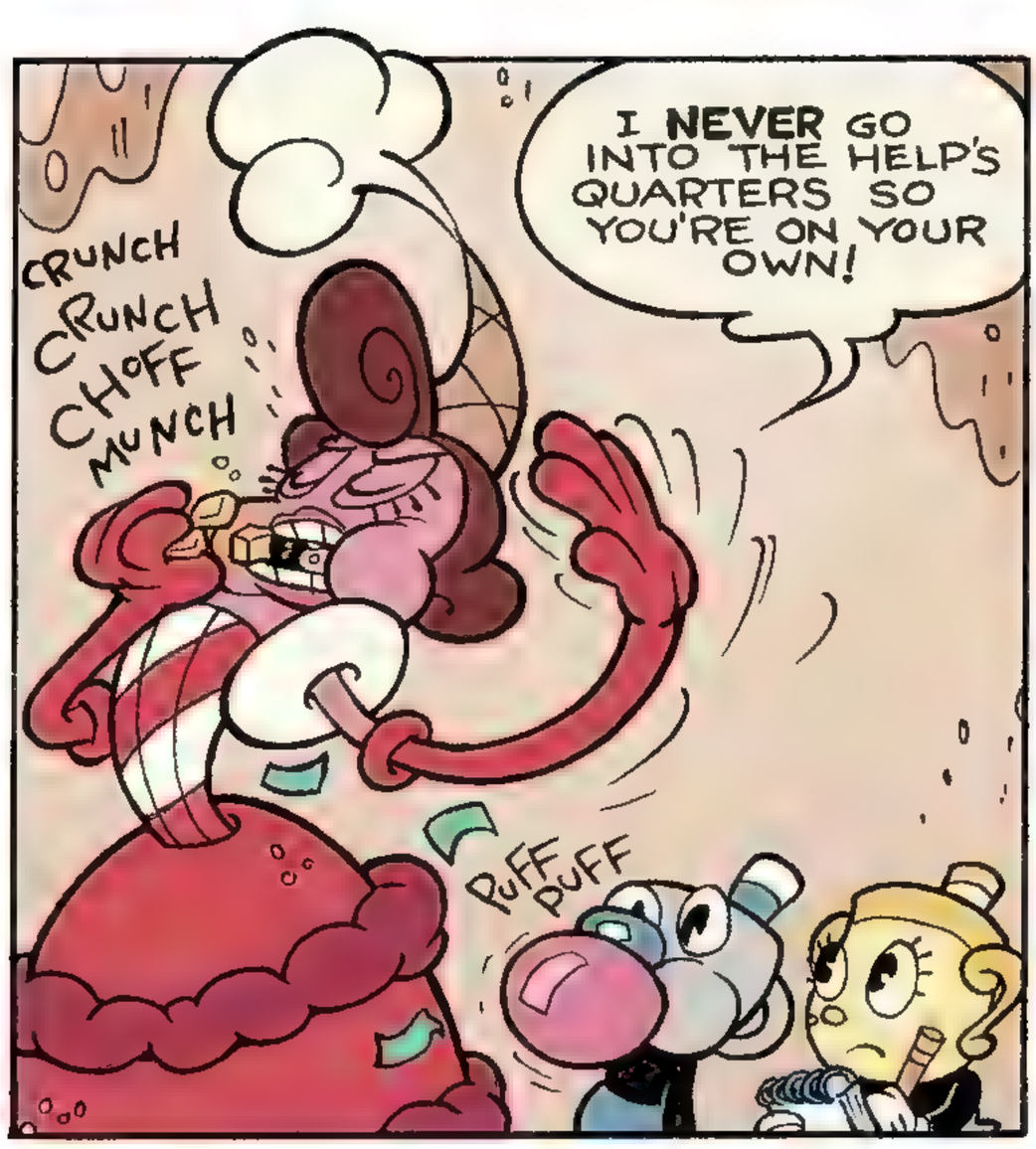
YOU DID?!?

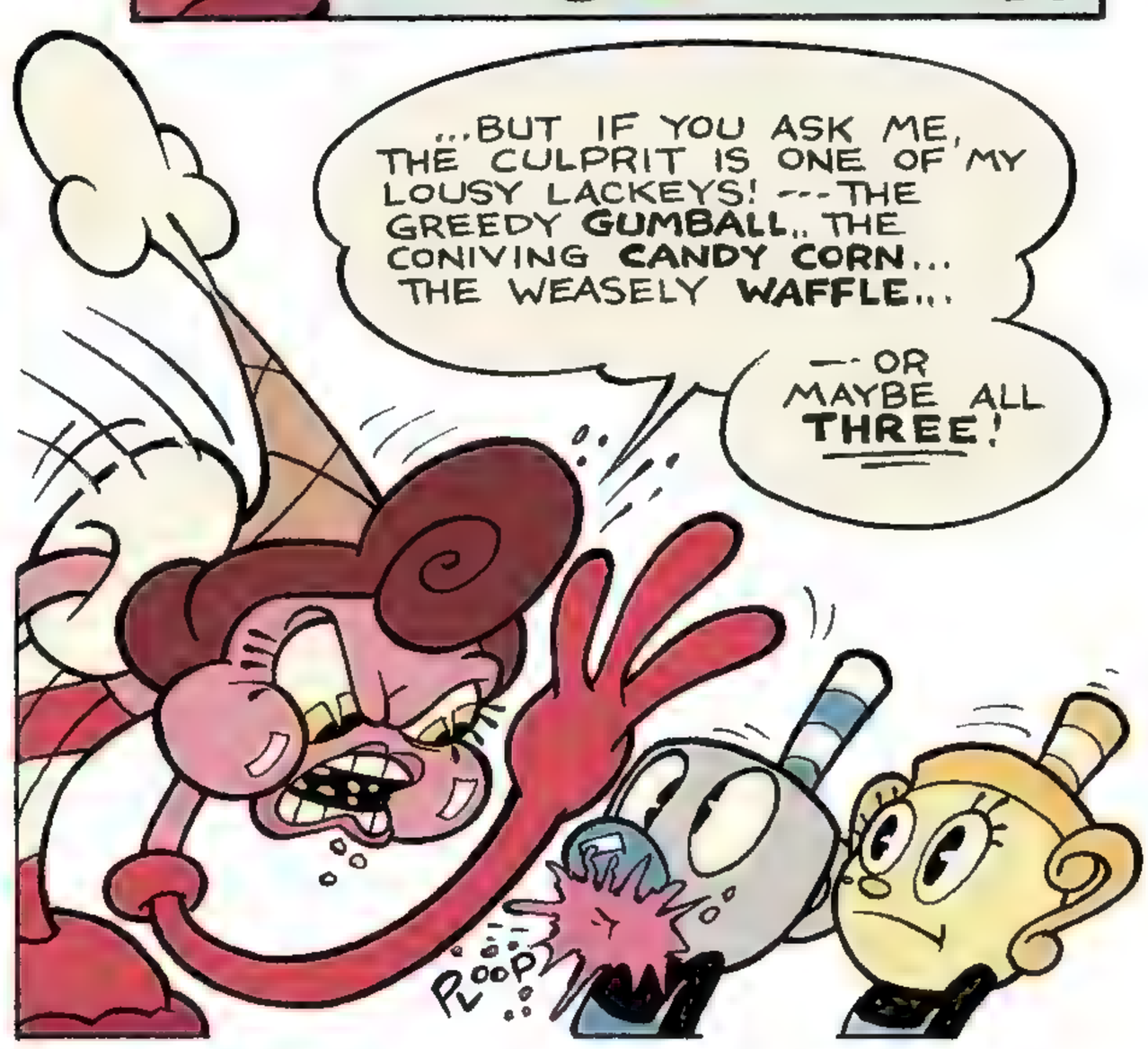
YEP! FOUND MY MAGNIFYING GLASS! NOW THE REAL DETECTIVE WORK CAN BEGIN!

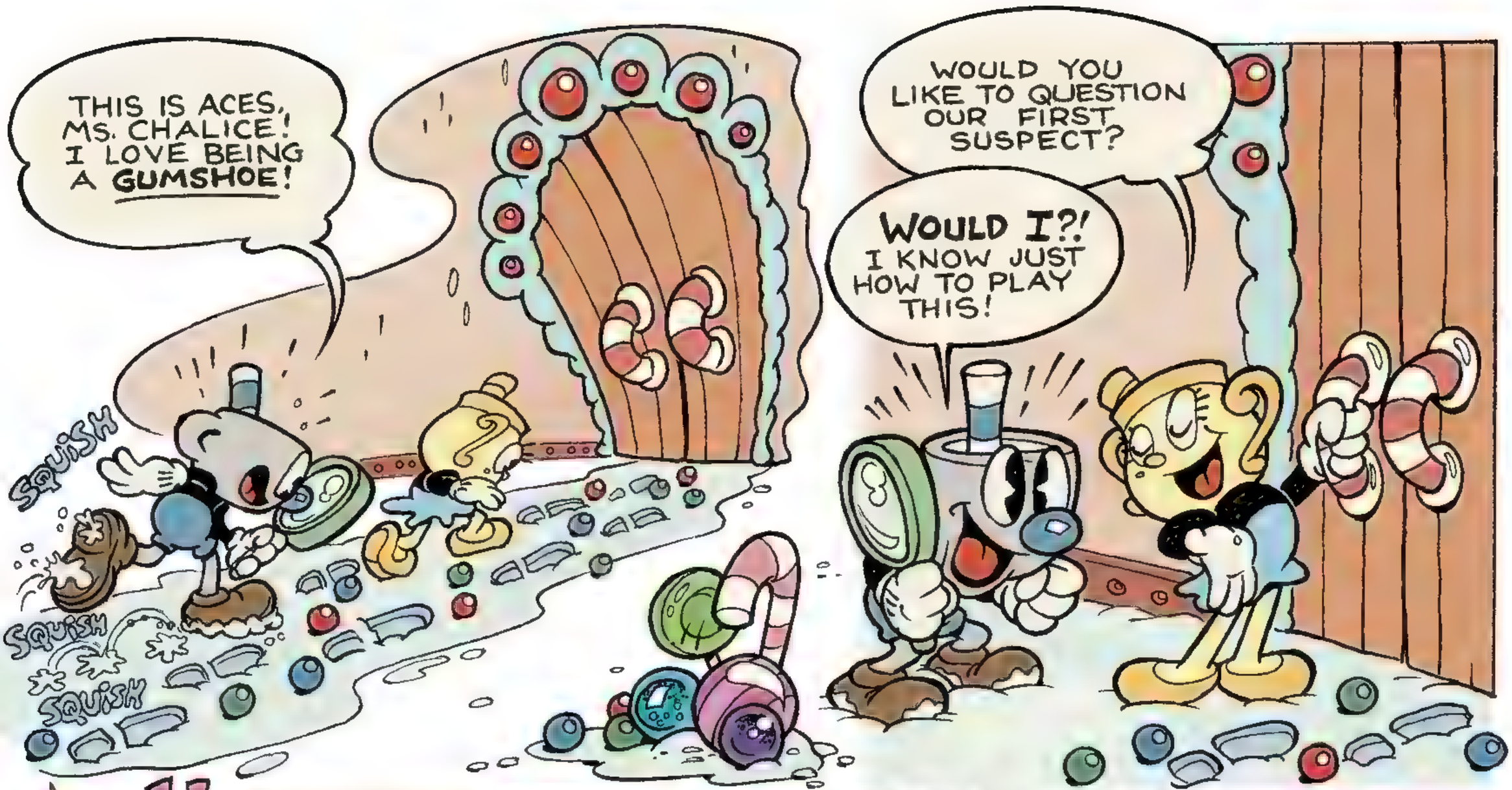
BEHIND YOU, MUGMAN! CLUES!!
TAP TAP

FOOTPRINTS.. ..A BOOK.... ..AND GUMBALLS!
THE WAFFLE TRUTH: A HISTORY
OUR FIRST LEAD!

CHEW CHEW
AND IT'S LEADING US RIGHT INTO THIS ROOM!


I NEVER GO INTO THE HELP'S QUARTERS SO YOU'RE ON YOUR OWN!
CRUNCH CRUNCH CHOFF MUNCH
PUFF PUFF


...BUT IF YOU ASK ME, THE CULPRIT IS ONE OF MY LOUSY LACKEYS! ---THE GREEDY GUMBALL.. THE CONIVING CANDY CORN... THE WEASELY WAFFLE...
—OR MAYBE ALL THREE!
PLOOP


THIS IS ACES, MS. CHALICE! I LOVE BEING A GUMSHOE!
SQUISH
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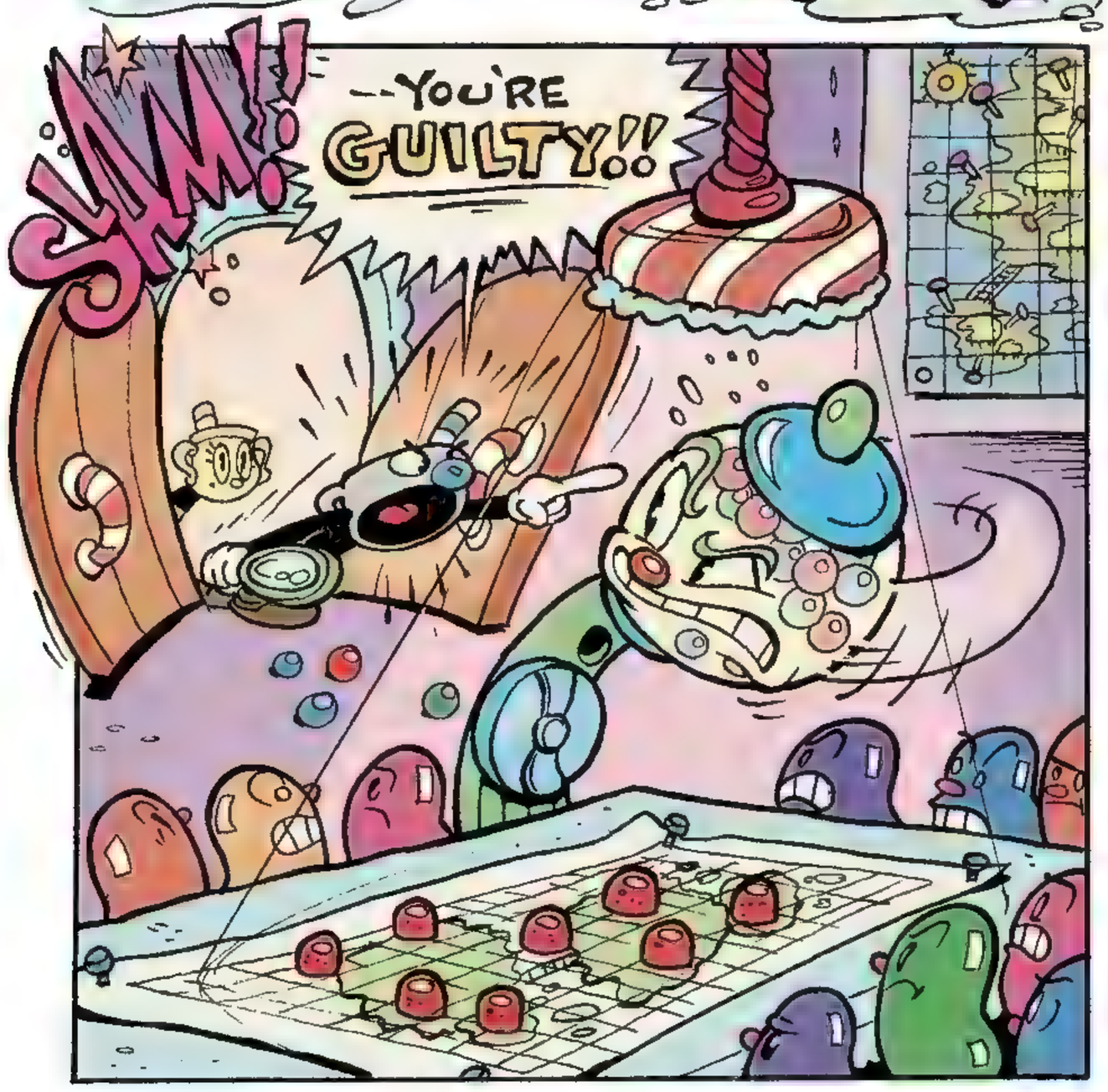
WOULD YOU LIKE TO QUESTION OUR FIRST SUSPECT?
WOULD I?! I KNOW JUST HOW TO PLAY THIS!


SHM!!
--YOU'RE GUILTY!!

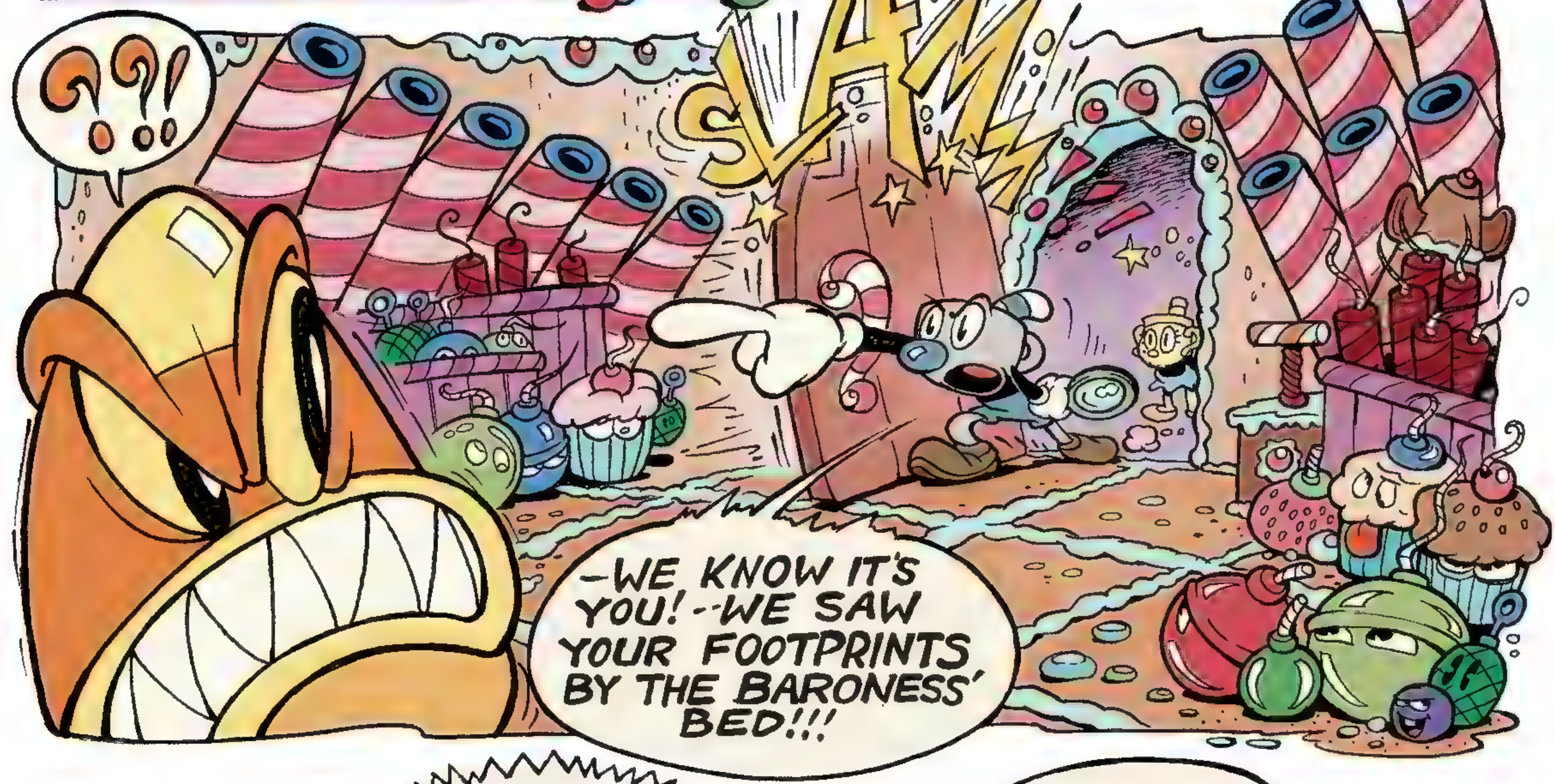
NO, I'M NOT! I WASN'T EVEN HERE WHEN THE COMB WAS STOLEN!

--I WAS OUT PLANNING A MASSIVE CORPORATE TAKEOVER...
...I MEAN... EXTREMELY WELL-COORDINATED PICNIC!

RATS! THOUGHT THAT'D WORK!
SNAP!

DO YOU HAVE AN ALIBI?
GOT A WHOLE GROUP OF YES-BEANS WHO CAN VOUCH FOR ME!
--AIN'T THAT RIGHT?!
YES, SIR!!

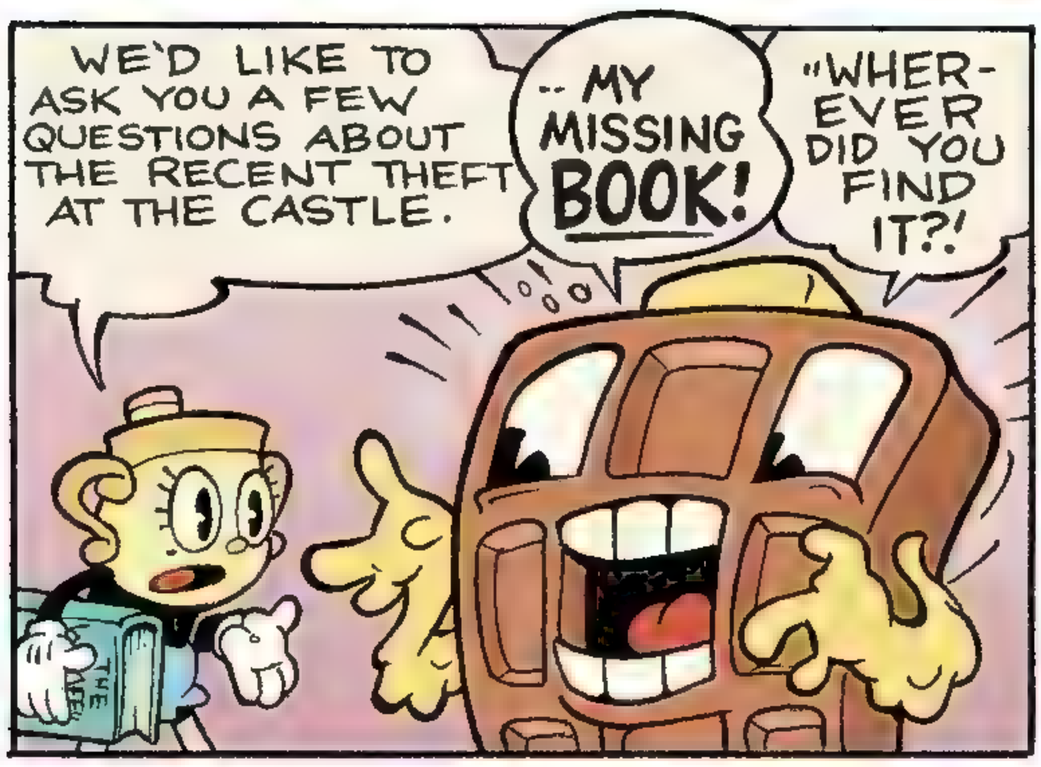
SUPPOSE HE'S OFF THE HOOK THEN.. THE PERP MUST'VE SCATTERED GUMBALLS TO THROW US OFF THE TRAIL!
LEMME TRY INTERROGATING THE NEXT SUSPECT!


?!!
SWAM
--WE KNOW IT'S YOU! --WE SAW YOUR FOOTPRINTS BY THE BARONESS' BED!!!

FOOTPRINTS?! I DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY FEET!

WHY DON'T I HANDLE THE NEXT ONE?
..GOOD IDEA...

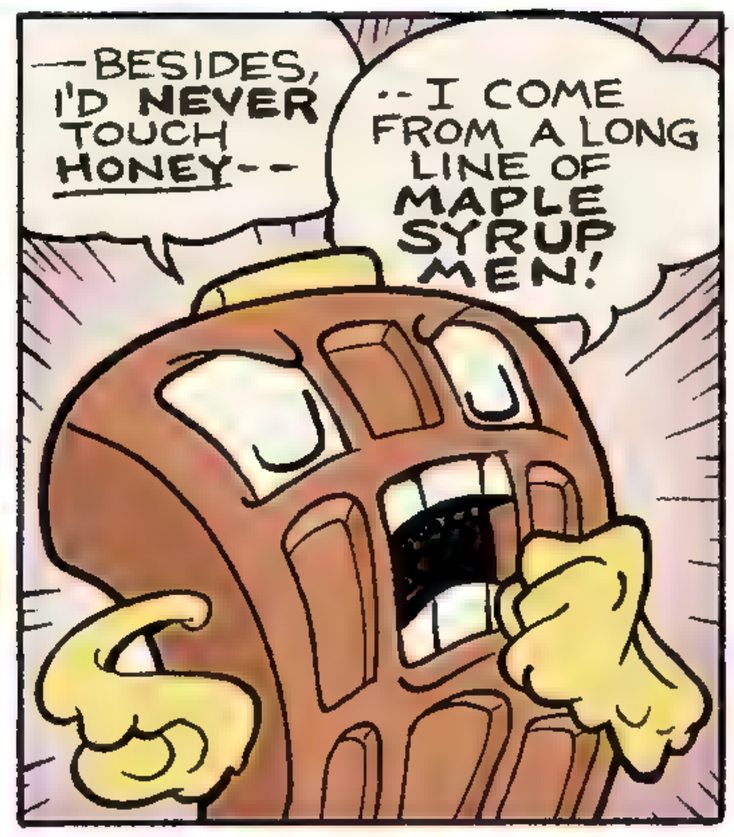
..WHERE OH WHERE COULD IT HAVE GONE...
EXCUSE ME, SIR?
YES?

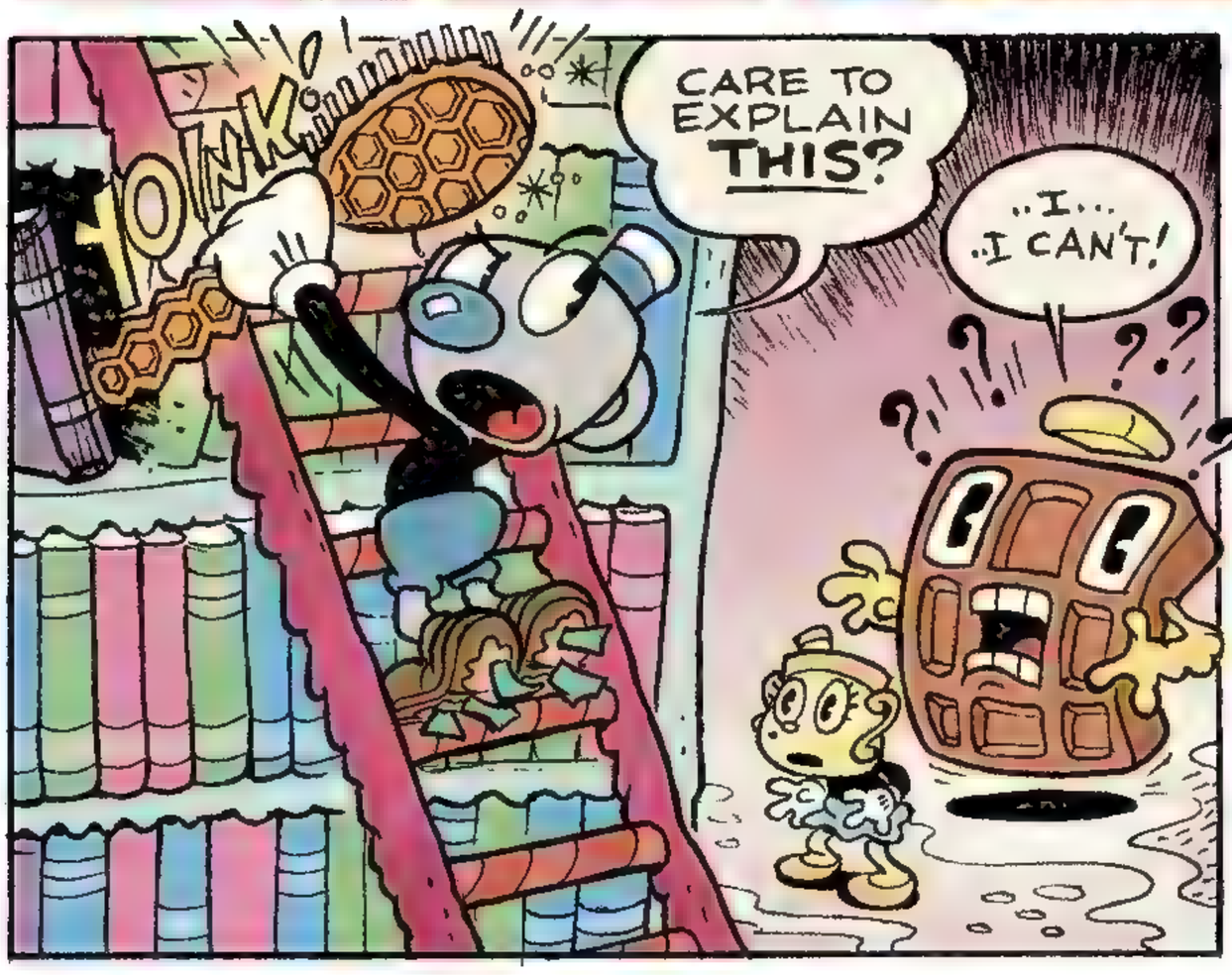

WE'D LIKE TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RECENT THEFT AT THE CASTLE.
..MY MISSING BOOK!
"WHER-EVER DID YOU FIND IT?!

AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME.
HOW SUSPICIOUS!
YES.
THE WAFFLE TRUTH & HISTORY
QUITE.

WHY DO YOU THINK SOMEONE WOULD STEAL THE BARONESS' ROYAL HONEY COMB?
FAME? FORTUNE? REVENGE?

BEAUTY, I SUPPOSE. THE BARONESS CLAIMS THE COMB MAKES HER HAIR "SHINY" AND "SWEET."
..BUT WHAT WOULD I NEED WITH A COMB? I HAVEN'T ANY HAIR!


..BESIDES, I'D NEVER TOUCH HONEY--
..I COME FROM A LONG LINE OF MAPLE SYRUP MEN!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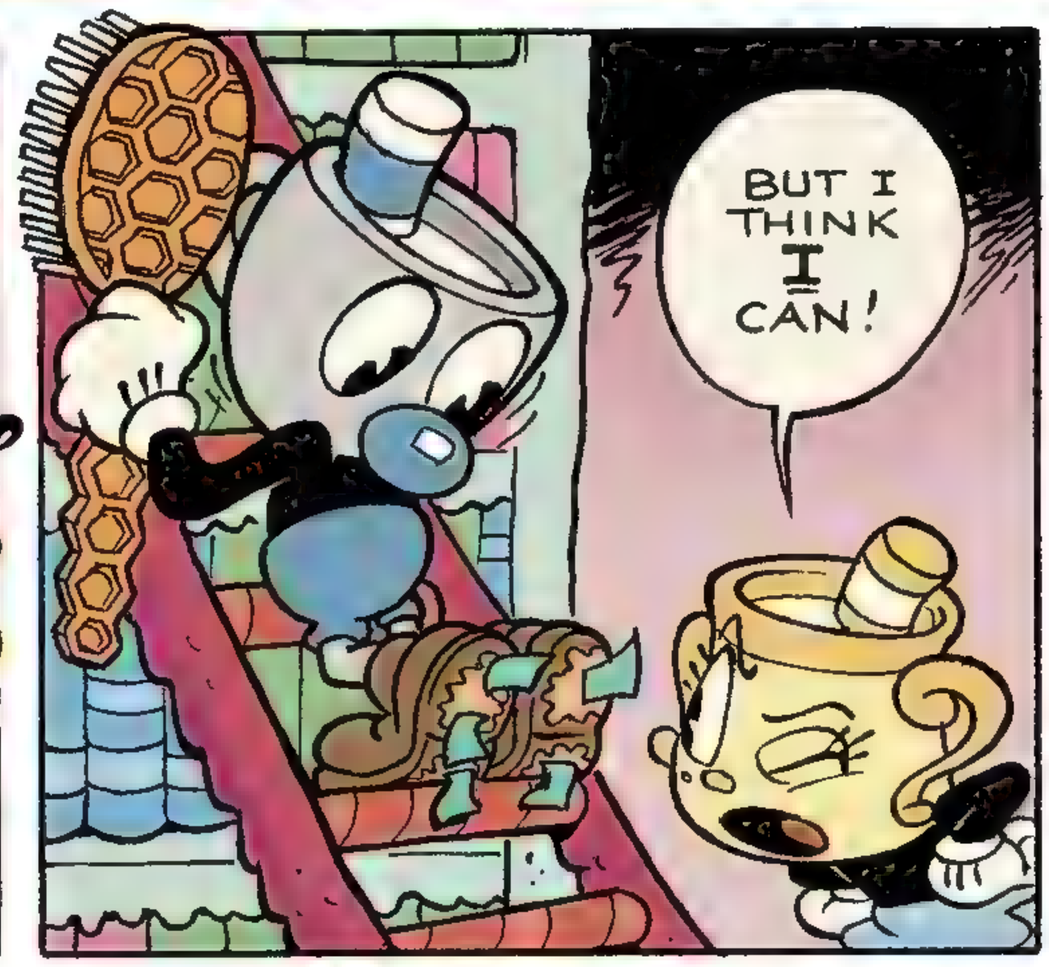
CARE TO EXPLAIN THIS?
..I... ..I CAN'T!


BUT I THINK I CAN!

YOU'RE THE THIEF, BARONESS VON BON BON!!

CRUNCH CRUNCH

HEY! THAT'S MY LINE!

SLAM!

ME?! THIEF?! ABSURD!!!

--IT WASN'T TILL I SAW WHAT WAS STUCK TO THE BOTTOM OF MUGMAN'S SHOES THAT IT ALL CAME TOGETHER... CANDY WRAPPERS! ..THE SAME ONES YOU'VE BEEN EATING ALL DAY!

WHOAH...

—HIS GUMSHOES PICKED THEM UP IN THE ROOMS OF EACH SUSPECT! YOU SAID YOU NEVER GO IN THERE... BUT THAT WAS A LIE TO COVER YOUR TRACKS!

CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH

..YOUR FOOTPRINTS WERE ON THE FLOOR, YOU CREATED THE GUMBALL TRAIL, YOU PLANTED THE BOOK!

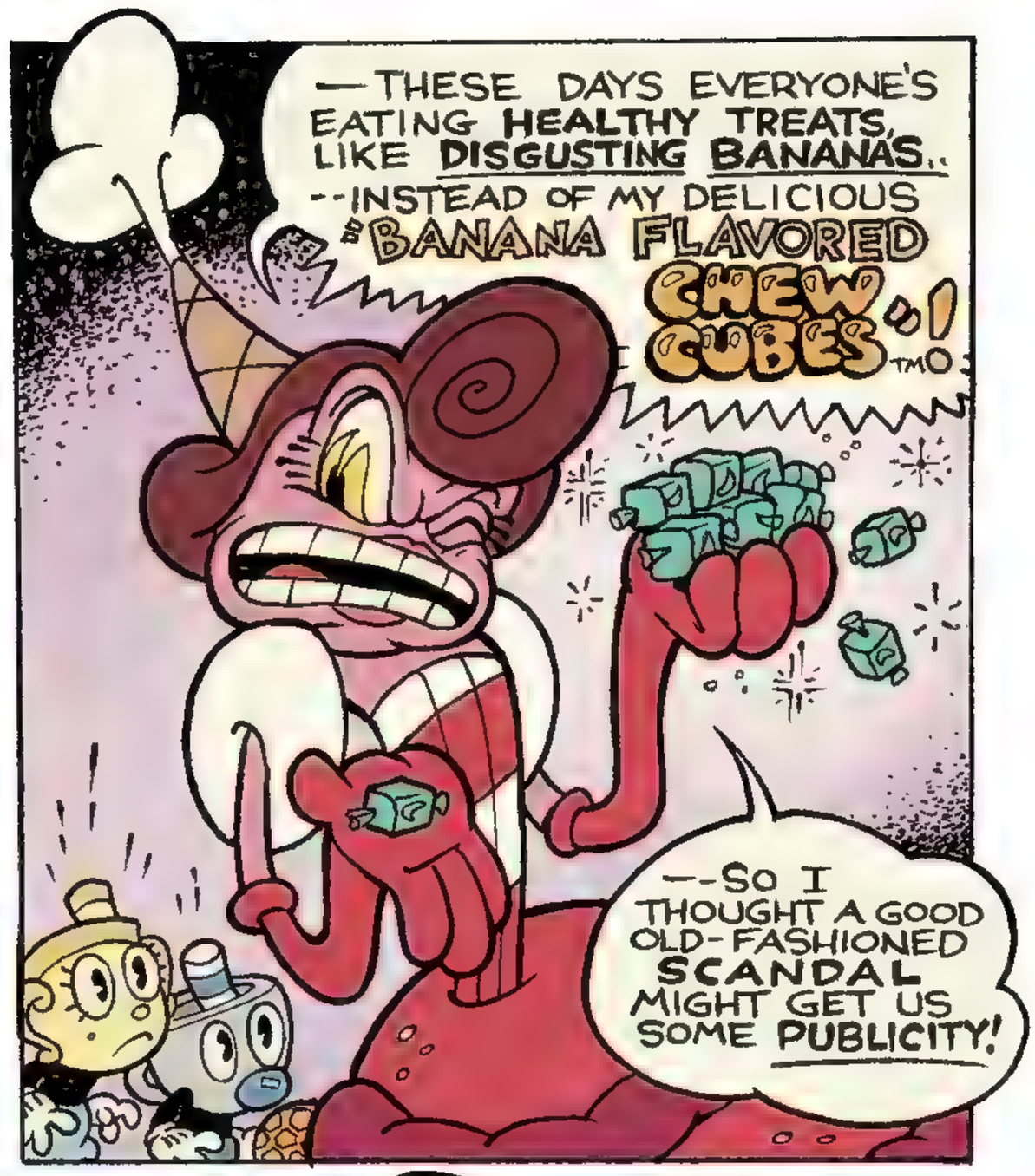
—AND IT WAS YOU WHO POINTED THE FINGER AT THE SUSPECTS.. ..BUT THAT REALLY POINTED THE FINGER BACK AT YOU!

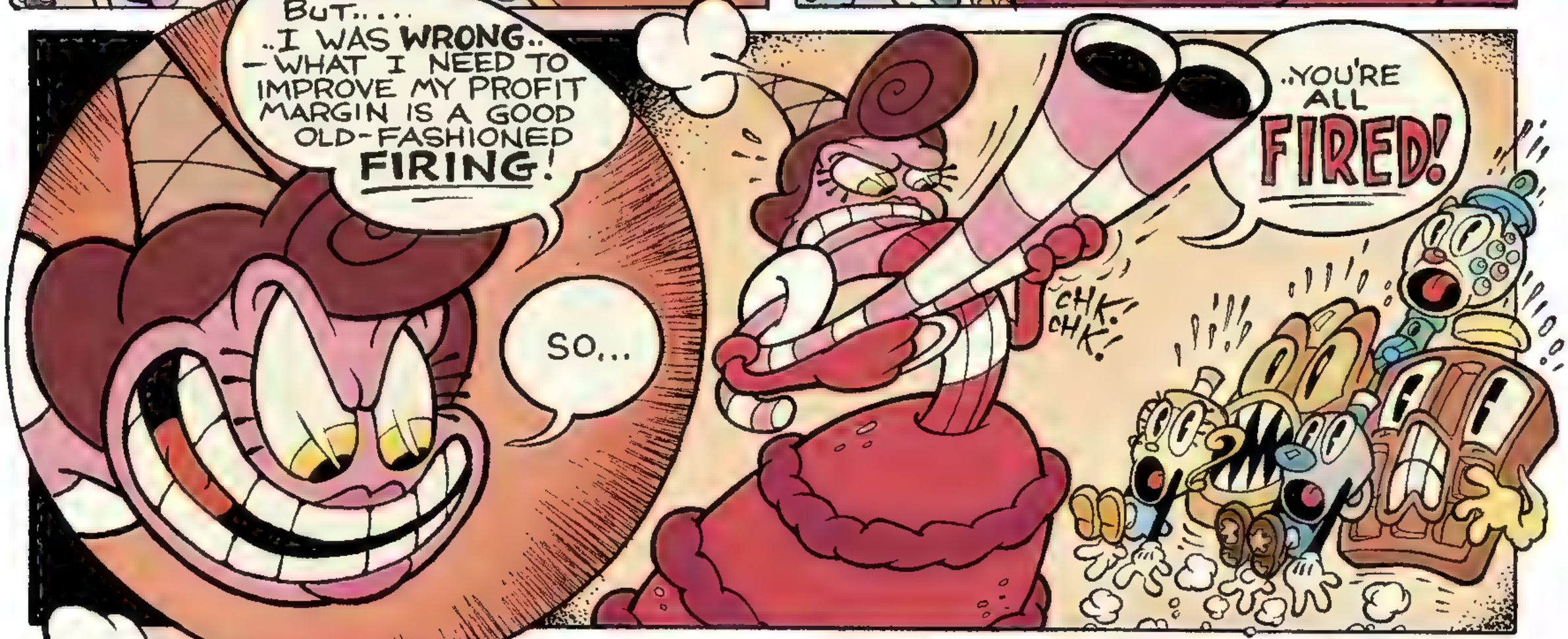
CHEW CHEW

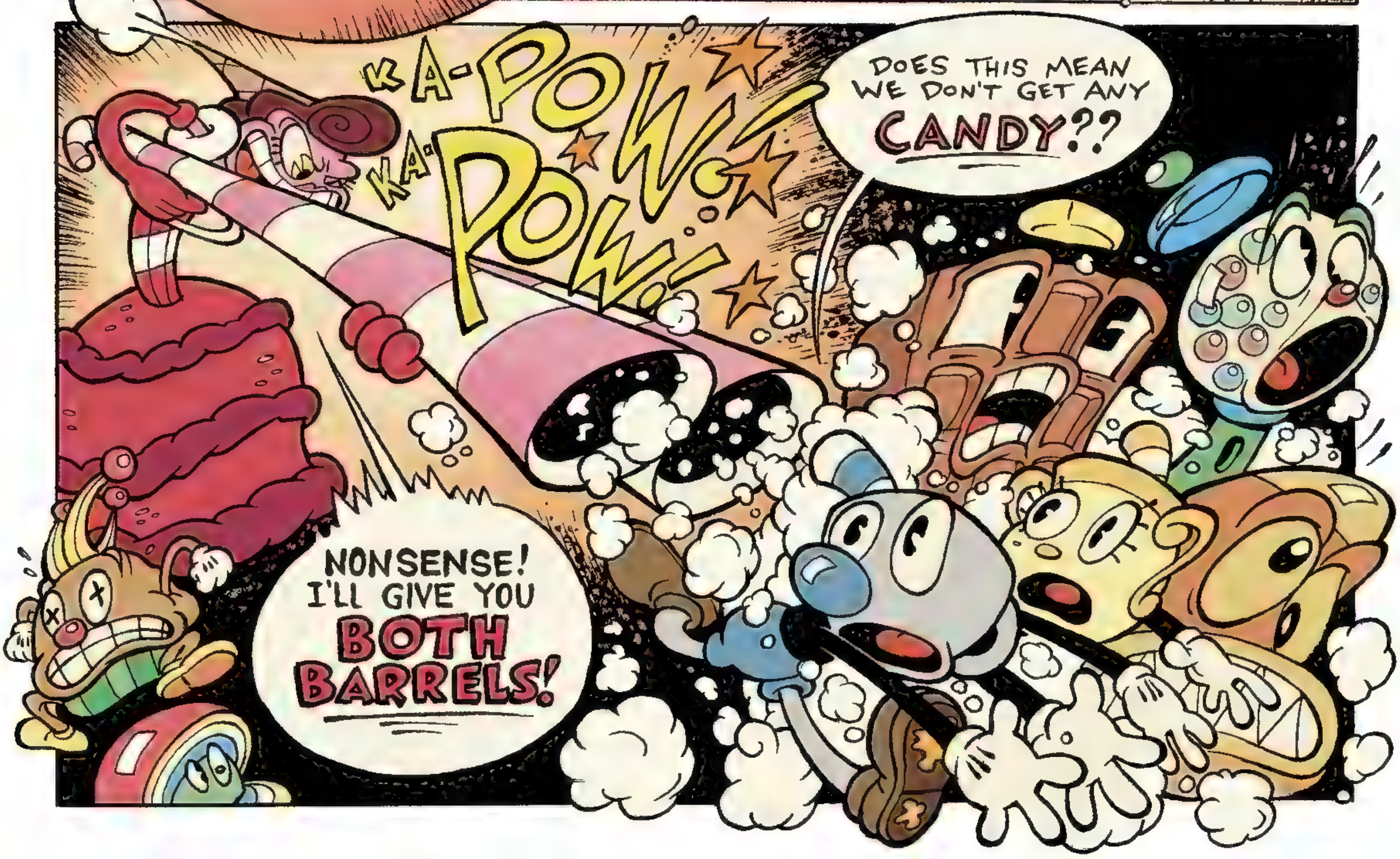
OKAY, FINE!! YOU CAUGHT ME, YOU ANNOYING LITTLE CREAMPUFF!!!

--I TRIED TO FRAME THOSE THREE TASTELESS CRETINS!!!!

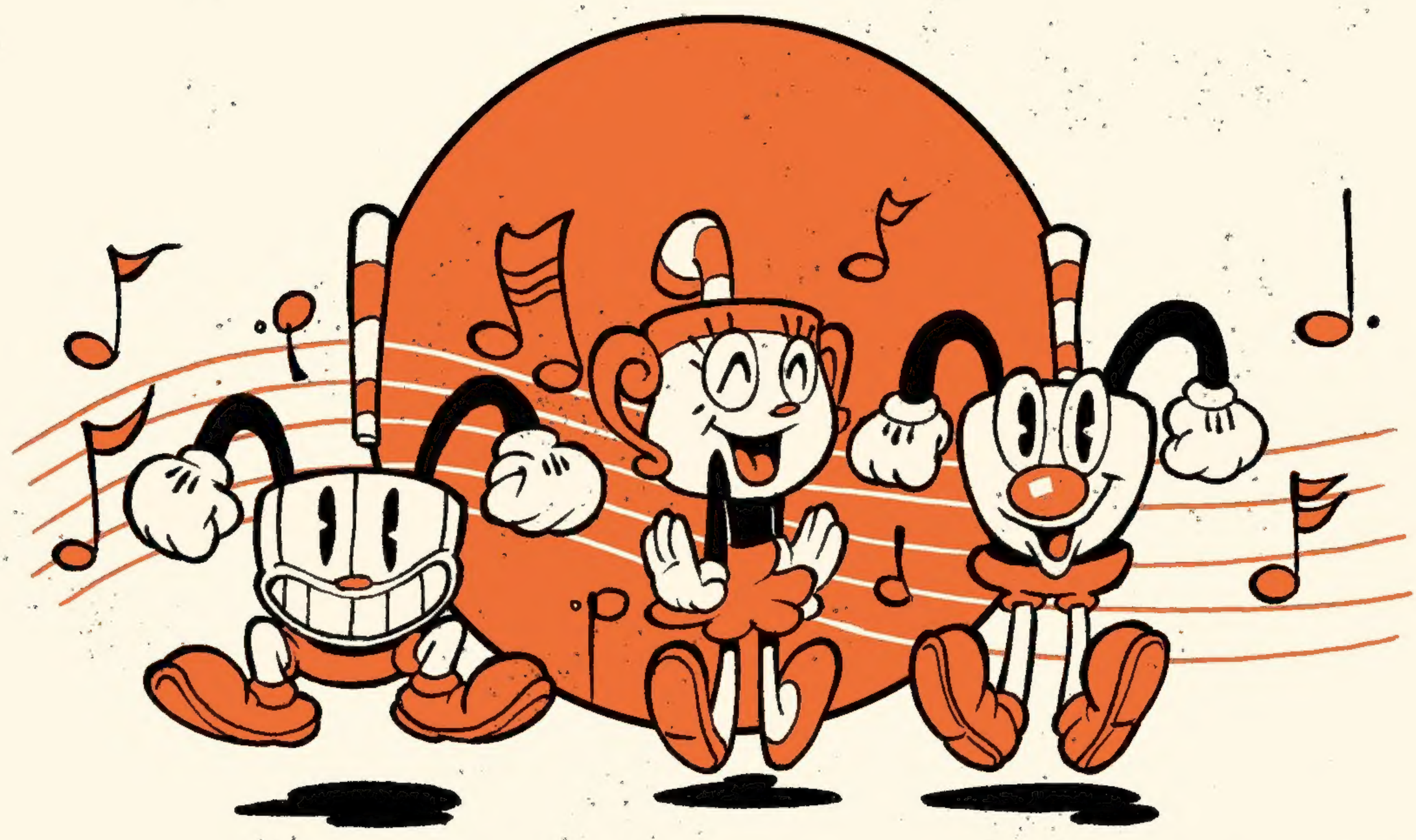
BUT WHY??
THERE'S A WAR ON SUGAR! MY PROFITS ARE TANKING!


—THESE DAYS EVERYONE'S EATING HEALTHY TREATS, LIKE DISGUSTING BANANAS..
--INSTEAD OF MY DELICIOUS "BANANA FLAVORED CHEW CUBES"!
--SO I THOUGHT A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED SCANDAL MIGHT GET US SOME PUBLICITY!


BUT.... ..I WAS WRONG.. —WHAT I NEED TO IMPROVE MY PROFIT MARGIN IS A GOOD OLD-FASHIONED FIRING!
SO...
CHK CHK!
..YOU'RE ALL FIRED!


KA-POW!
KA-POW!
DOES THIS MEAN WE DON'T GET ANY CANDY??
NONSENSE! I'LL GIVE YOU BOTH BARRELS!

The End



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